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(54) **Polymeric fluorescent substance and polymer light-emitting device**

(57) Provided is a polymeric fluorescent substance showing fluorescence in solid state, which has a specific carrier drift mobility, a specific repeating unit, and spe-

cific number-average molecular weight. The polymeric fluorescent substance is excellent in solubility to organic solvents, and has higher efficiency and longer lifetime in applying as a polymer LED.

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Description

[0001] The present invention relates to a polymeric fluorescent substance, a polymer light-emitting device (hereinafter, referred to as polymer LED), and a device using the same.

[0002] Inorganic electroluminescence devices (hereinafter, sometimes referred to as inorganic EL device) using an inorganic luminescent material as a light-emitting material are used for example for sheet light sources as back-lights and displays such as a flat panel display, however, an alternating current of high voltage has been required for light emission.

[0003] Recently, there has been reported an organic electroluminescence device (hereinafter, sometimes referred to as organic EL device) having a double-layer structure in which an organic fluorescent dye as a light-emitting layer is laminated with an organic charge transport compound used e.g. in photosensitive layer for electrophotography (JP-A-59-194393).

[0004] Since organic EL devices have characteristics that light emissions of a lot of colors are obtained easily in addition to low voltage driving and high luminance as compared with inorganic EL devices, there have been reported a lot of trials regarding device structures, organic fluorescent dyes and organic charge transport compounds of organic EL devices [Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., 27, L269 (1988), J. Appl. Phys., 65, 3610 (1989)].

[0005] Further, apart from organic EL devices using mainly organic compounds having a lower molecular weight, polymer light-emitting devices using light-emitting materials having a higher molecular weight have been proposed in e.g. WO-A-9013148, JP-A-3-244630, Appl. Phys. Lett., 58, 1982 (1991). WO-A-9013148 discloses in the Examples an EL device using a thin film of poly(p-phenylene vinylene) obtained by forming a film of a soluble precursor on the electrode and subjecting it to a heat treatment to convert the precursor into a conjugated polymer.

[0006] Further, JP-A-3-244630 has exemplified a conjugated polymers having a feature that they are themselves soluble in a solvent and needs no heat treatment. Also in Appl. Phys. Lett., 58, 1982 (1991), a polymeric light-emitting materials soluble in a solvent and a polymer LED fabricated using the same are described.

[0007] Polymer LEDs are advantageous for formation of a film having large area and reduction in cost since an organic layer can be easily formed by coating with using a polymeric fluorescent substance soluble in organic solvents, as compared with the case of vapor deposition of a material having a lower molecular weight, and the mechanical strength of the resulting film is believed to be high because of a high molecular weight thereof.

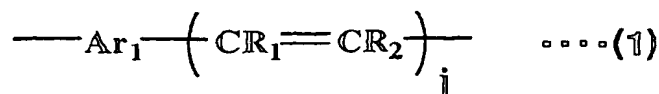
[0008] Conventionally, as the light-emitting materials used in these polymer LEDs, in addition to the above-described poly(p-phenylene vinylene), there have been reported polyfluorene (Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., 30, L1941 (1991)) and poly p-phenylene derivatives (Adv. Mater., 4, 36 (1992)).

[0009] In order to utilize the film-formable characteristics of a polymeric fluorescent substance by coating, there have been demanded a polymeric fluorescent substance having excellent solubility in organic solvents. To realize the practical flat panel display, there have been demanded a polymer LED having high efficiency and long.

[0010] An object of the present invention is to provide a polymeric fluorescent substance having more excellent solubility to organic solvents, a polymer LED having high performance which can be driven at high efficiency and longer lifetime using said polymeric fluorescent substance.

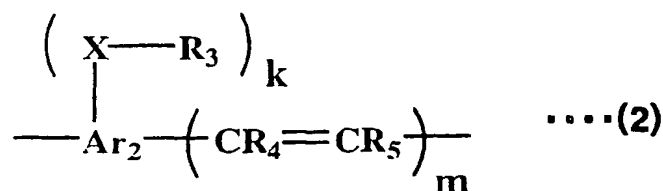
[0011] This object could be achieved on the basis of the finding that a polymeric fluorescent substance having a specific carrier drift mobility and a specific repeating unit is more excellent in solubility to organic solvents, and has higher efficiency and longer lifetime in applying as a polymer LED.

[0012] Namely, the present invention relates to [1] a polymer fluorescent substance which emits fluorescence in solid state, has a number-average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of 1×10^4 to 1×10^8 , has at least one repeating unit of the following general formula (1) and in which the ratio of the hole drift mobility μ_H to the electron drift mobility μ_E of said polymer fluorescent substance is from 0.1 to 10:

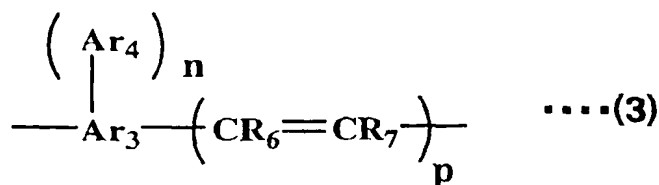


[in the formula, Ar₁ is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a divalent heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion].

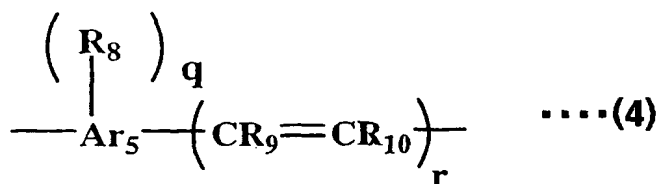
[0013] Moreover, the present invention relates to [2] a polymer fluorescent substance which emits fluorescence in solid state, has a number-average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of 1×10^4 to 1×10^8 , and has each of the repeating units represented by the formulae (2), (3) and (4):



[in the formula, Ar₂ is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a divalent heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion],



[in the formula, Ar₃ is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion.],



[in the formula, Ar₅ is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a divalent heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion].

[0014] Moreover, the present invention relates to [3] a polymer light-emitting device comprising at least one light-emitting layer containing a polymer fluorescent substance, placed between a pair of an anode and a cathode at least one of which is transparent or semi-transparent, wherein the light-emitting layer contains a polymer fluorescent substance of above described [1] or [2].

[0015] Further, the present invention relates to [4] a sheet light source using a polymer light-emitting device of above described [3].

[0016] Next, the present invention relates to [5] a segment display apparatus using a polymer light-emitting device of above described [3].

[0017] Next, the present invention relates to [6] a dot matrix display apparatus using a polymer light-emitting device of above described [3].

[0018] And, the present invention relates to [7] a liquid crystal display apparatus using a polymer light-emitting device of above described [3].

[0019] The polymeric fluorescent substance and a polymer LED using the same will be described in detail below.

[0020] The polymeric fluorescent substance of the present invention is a polymeric fluorescent substance which emits a fluorescence in solid state and having a number-average molecular weight of 1×10^4 to 1×10^8 in terms of polystyrene, wherein the substance contains at least one repeating unit represented by the above-described formula (1). More preferably the substance contains each one or more of repeating units represented by the above-described formula (2), formula (3) or formula (4), respectively.

[0021] In the above formula (1), Ar₁ is a divalent group forming carbon-carbon bonds with adjacent two groups respectively, the divalent group being an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms participating in conjugation or a heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms participating in conjugation, and the arylene group and heterocyclic compound group may further have a substituent. Each of R₁ and R₂ independently represents a group

selected from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group and heterocyclic compound group may further have a substituent. The symbol j is 0 or 1.

[0022] In the above formula (2), Ar_2 is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a divalent heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion. R_3 represents a group selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms and heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms, and the aryl group, arylalkyl group and heterocyclic group may also have a substituent. X represents a group selected from $-O-$, $-S-$, $-CR_{11}R_{12}-$, $-SiR_{13}R_{14}-$, $-NR_{15}-$, $-CO-$, $-COO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CR_{16}=CR_{17}-$, and $-C\equiv C-$. The symbol k is an integer from 1 to 4. R_4 , R_5 , and R_{11} - R_{17} represent, each independently, a group selected from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group and heterocyclic group may also have a substituent. The symbol m is 0 or 1.

[0023] Here, Ar_2 may have a substituent selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, mono or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group, arylalkyl group, arylamino group and heterocyclic group may further have a substituent. When Ar_2 has a plurality of substituents, they may be the same or different. One or more carbon atoms of the substituent on Ar_2 may be substituted with an oxygen atom or sulfur atom, and one or more hydrogen atoms of the substituent on Ar_2 may be substituted with a fluorine atom.

[0024] In the above formula (3), Ar_3 is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion. Ar_4 is an aryl group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms or a heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms, and may also have a substituent selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkoxy groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkylthio groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, mono or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, aryloxy groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkoxy groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkenyl groups having 8 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkynyl groups having 8 to 60 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group, aryloxy group, arylalkyl group, arylalkoxy group, arylalkenyl group, arylalkynyl group, arylamino group and heterocyclic group may further have a substituent. The symbol n is an integer from 1 to 4. Each of R_6 and R_7 independently represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group and heterocyclic group may also have a substituent. The symbol p is 0 or 1. Ar_3 may have a substituent selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkoxy groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkylthio groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, mono or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, aryloxy groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkoxy groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, and a cyano group, and the aryloxy group, arylalkyl group, arylalkoxy group, arylamino group may further have a substituent. When Ar_3 has a plurality of substituents, they may be the same or different. One or more carbon atoms of the substituents on Ar_3 may be substituted with an oxygen atom or sulfur atom, and one or more hydrogen atoms of the substituents on Ar_3 may be substituted with a fluorine atom.

[0025] In the above formula (4), Ar_5 is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a divalent heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion. R_8 represents a group selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, mono or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, saturated heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, and the arylalkyl group may further have a substituent. The symbol q is an integer from 1 to 4. Each of R_9 and R_{10} independently represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group and heterocyclic group may also have a substituent. The symbol r is 0 or 1. Ar_5 may have a substituent selected from alkoxy groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkylthio groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, aryloxy groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkoxy groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms

and a cyano group, and the aryl group, aryloxy group, arylalkoxy group, arylamino group and heterocyclic group may further have a substituent. When Ar₅ has a plurality of substituents, they may be the same or different. One or more carbon atoms of the substituents on Ar₅ may be substituted with an oxygen atom or sulfur atom, and one or more hydrogen atoms of the substituents on Ar₅ may be substituted with a fluorine atom.

[0026] In the polymer fluorescent substance of the present invention, containing each of the repeating units represented by repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4) respectively, the total amount of repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4) is, preferably, 50 mol% or more based on all repeating units, and the amount of repeating units of the formula (2) is 0.1 mol% to 30 mol%, the amount of repeating units of the formula (3) is 29.9 mol% to 70 mol% and the amount of repeating units of the formula (4) is 29.9 mol% to 70 mol%, based on the total amount of repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4).

[0027] The amount of repeating units of the formula (2) is, more preferably, 0.2 mol% to 20 mol%, and further preferably, 1 mol% to 10 mol%, based on the total amount of repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4).

[0028] In the formula (2), Ar₂, preferably, is an arylene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms contained in the main chain and X is an oxygen atom, in the formula (3), Ar₃ is an arylene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms contained in the main chain, and more preferably, in the formula (4), Ar₅ is an arylene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms contained in the main chain.

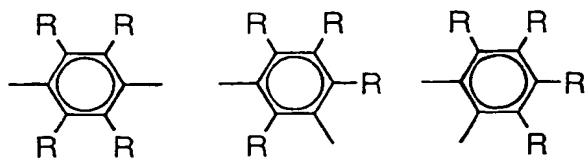
[0029] In the formula (4), R₈ is, preferably, a mono, di or trialkylsilyl group having 1 to 60 carbon atoms.

[0030] Further preferably, the polymer fluorescent substance comprising at least four repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4).

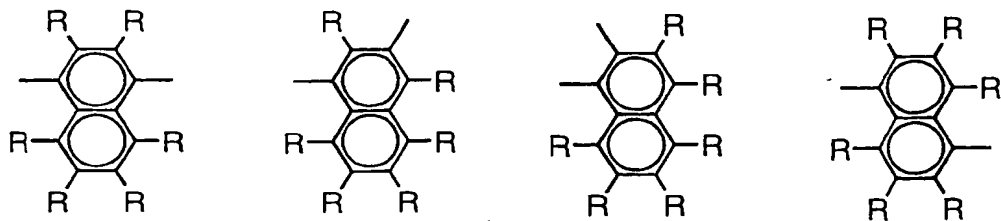
[0031] In the formulas (1) to (4), Ar₁, Ar₂, Ar₃, and Ar₅ are, respectively, an arylene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms contained in the main chain or a heterocyclic compound group having 2 to 20 carbon atoms contained in the main chain.

[0032] Ar₁, Ar₂, Ar₃, and Ar₅ can be selected so as not to deteriorate the fluorescence property of the polymer fluorescent substance, and exemplified are divalent groups below described chemical formulas 7 to 20.

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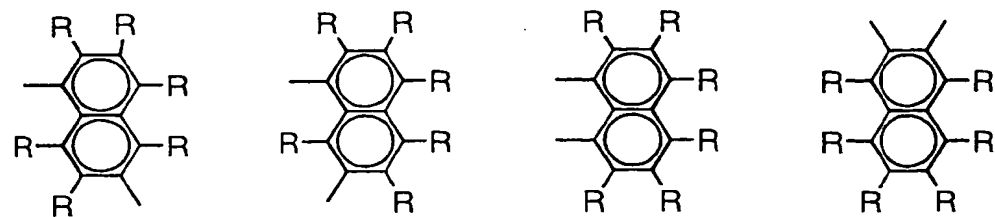


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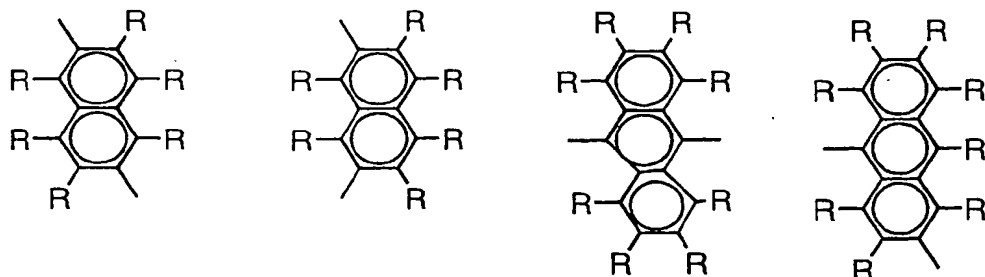
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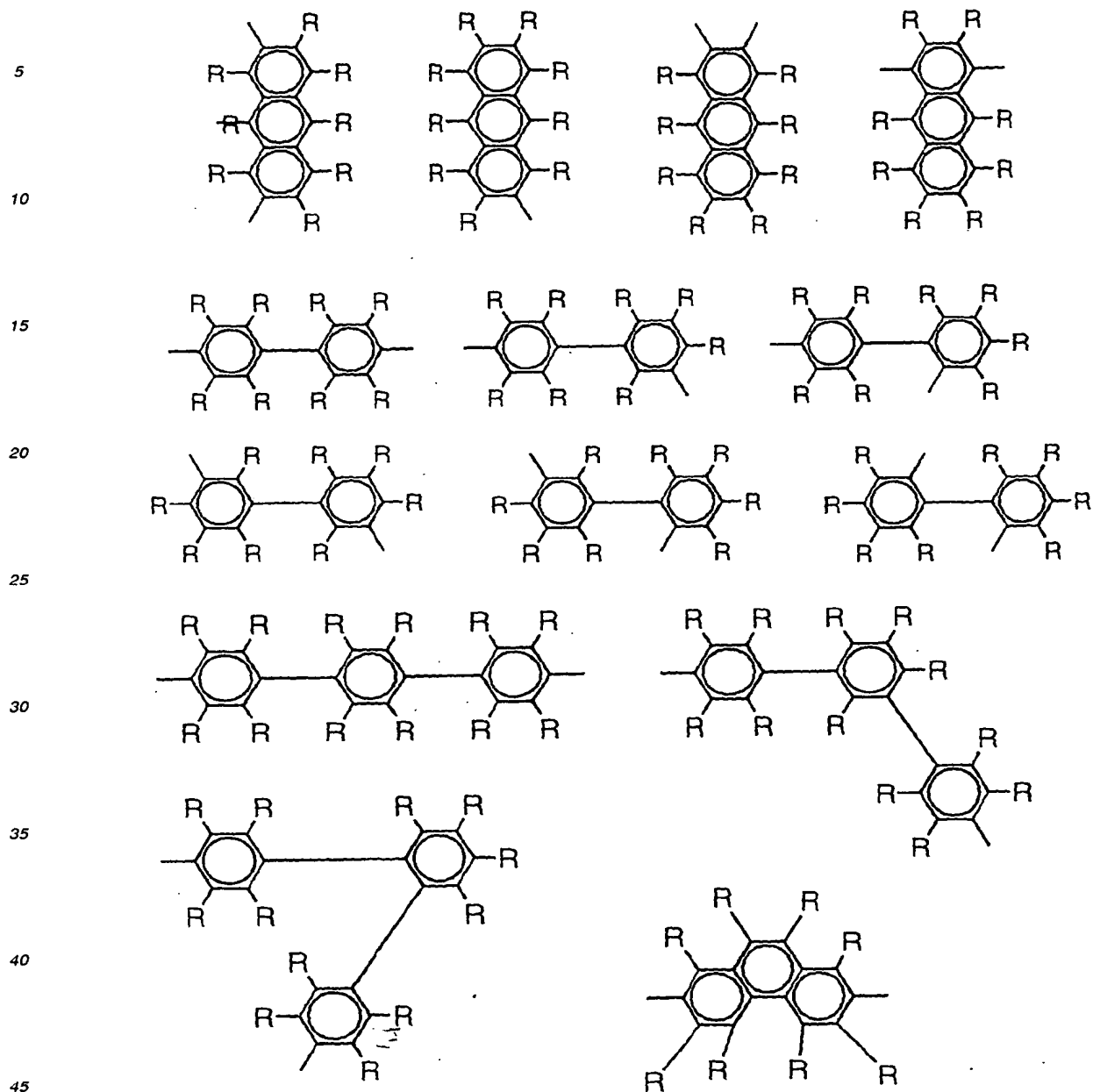
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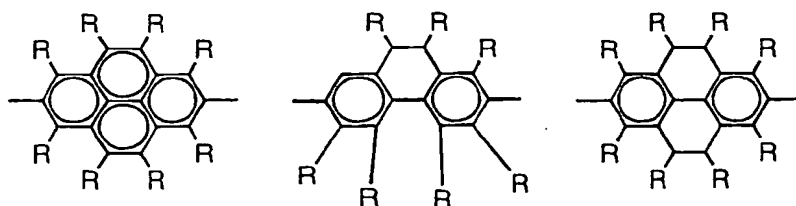
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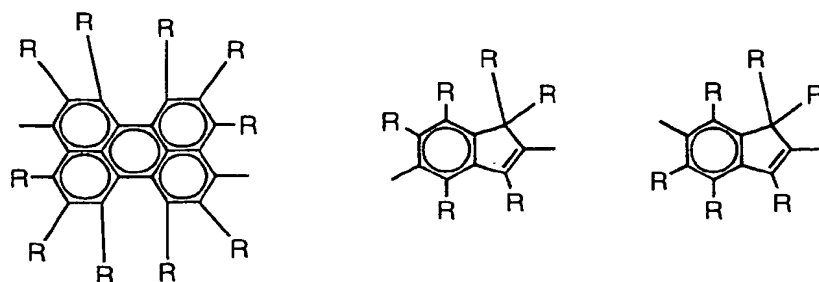
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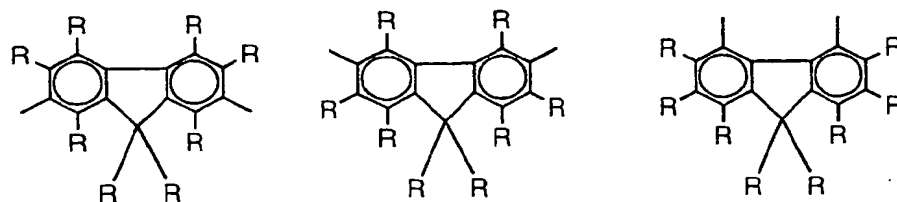


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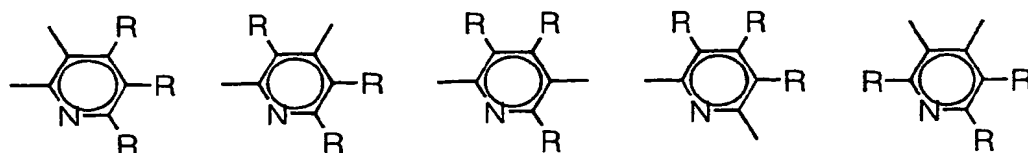
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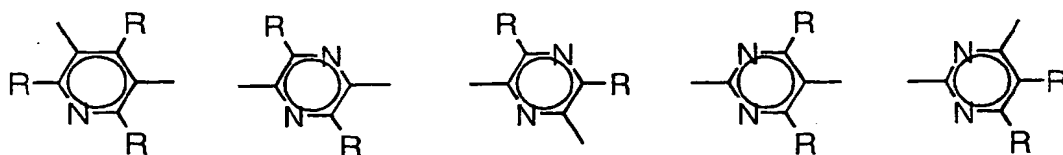
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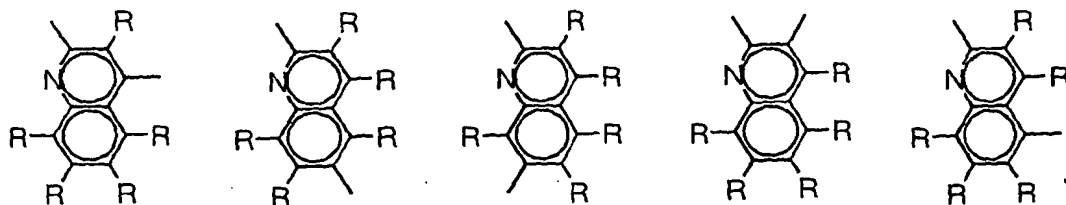


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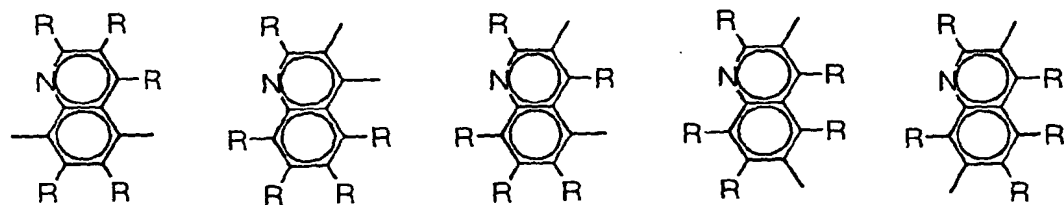
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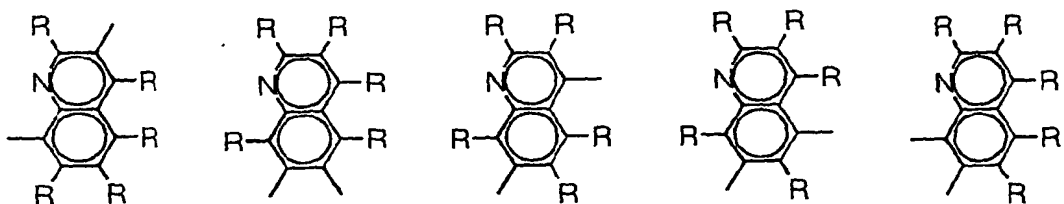
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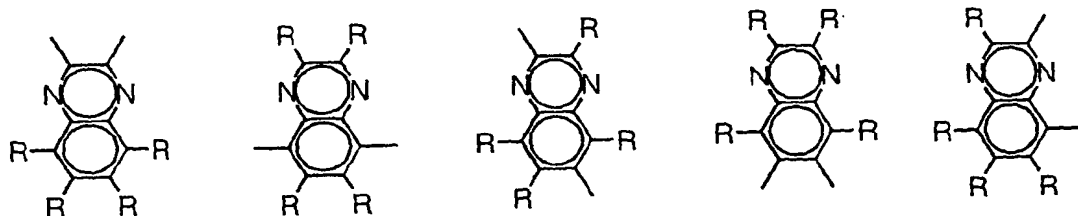
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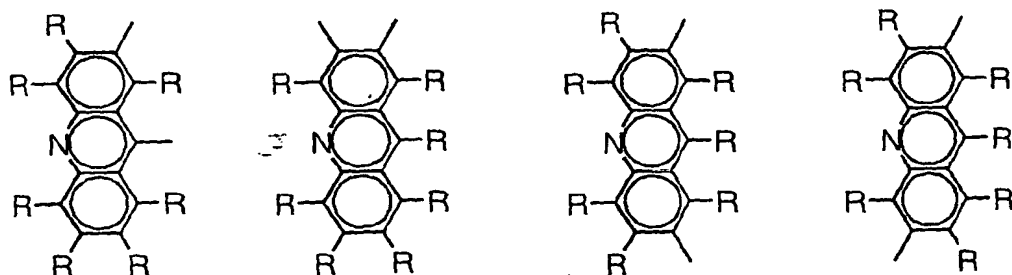
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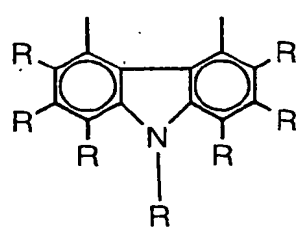
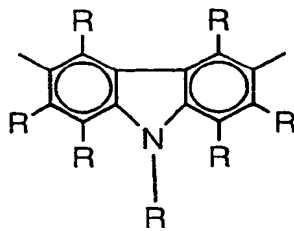
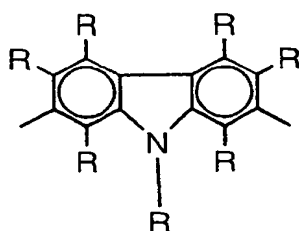
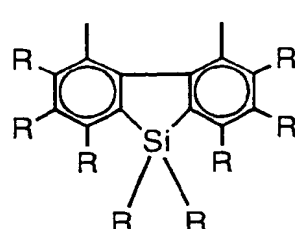
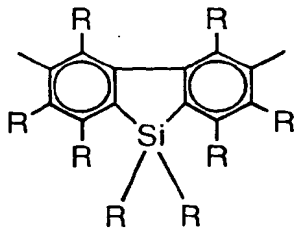
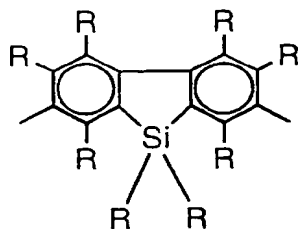
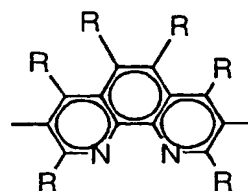
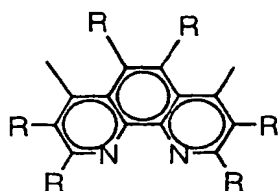
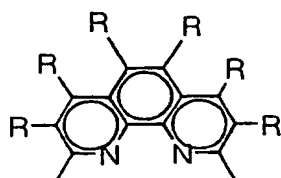
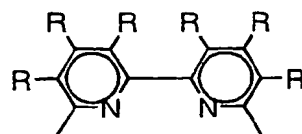
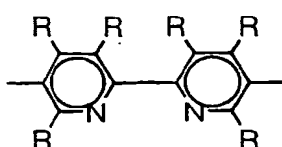
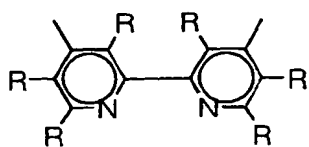
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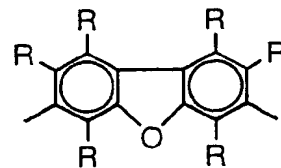
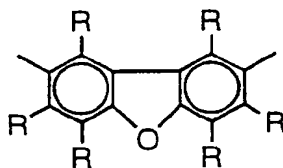
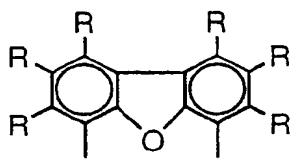
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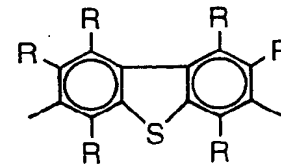
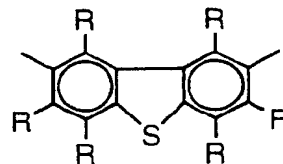
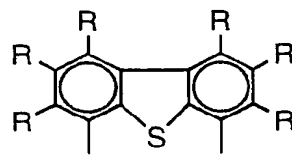
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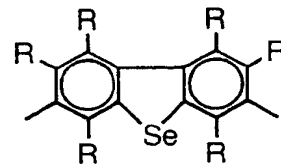
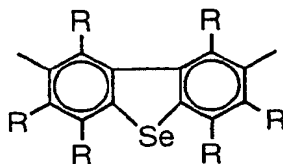
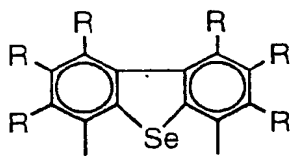
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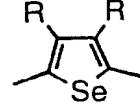
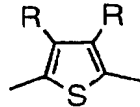
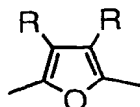
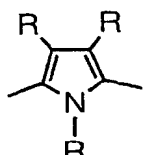


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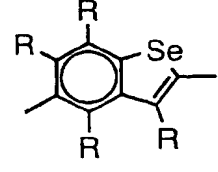
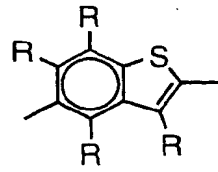
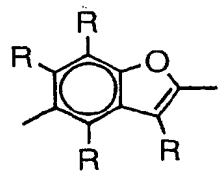
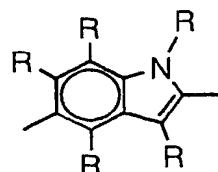


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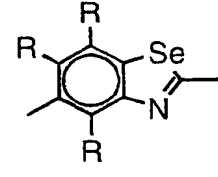
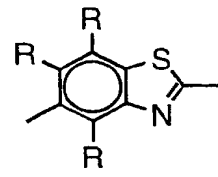
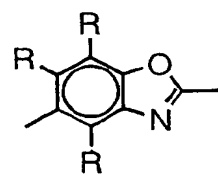
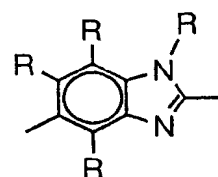
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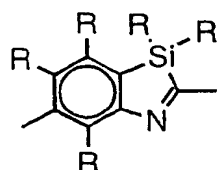
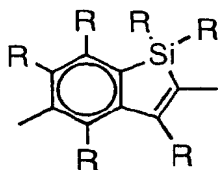


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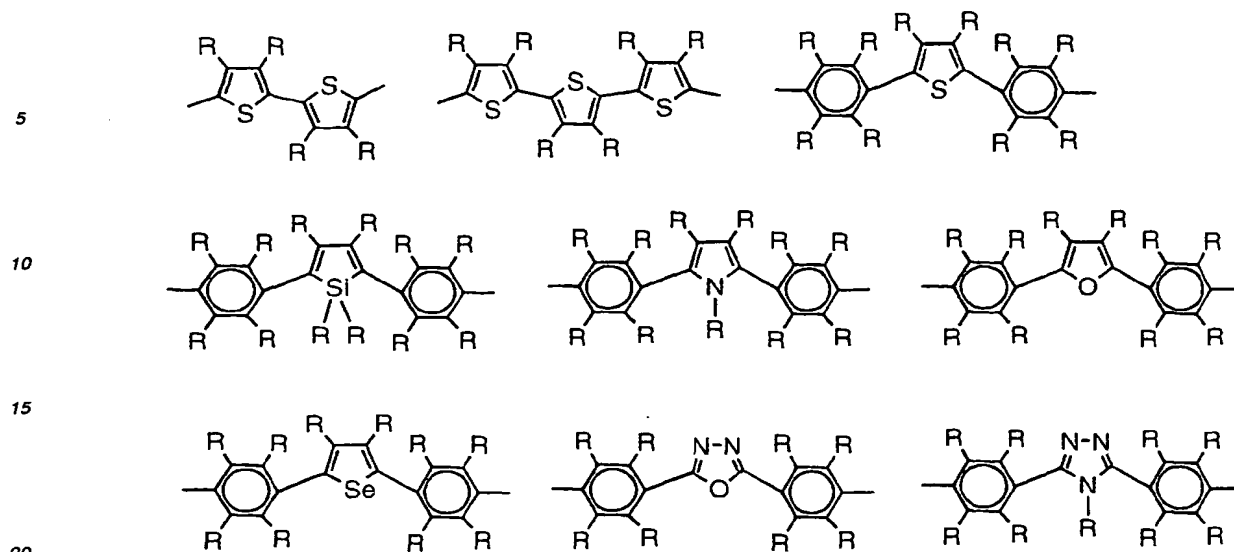
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[0033] In the above examples of Ar_2 , Ar_3 and Ar_5 , R is selected: to have 1 to 4 substituent groups represented by $-X-R_3$, in case of Ar_2 ; to have 1 to 4 substituent groups represented by Ar_4 , in case of Ar_3 ; to have 1 to 4 substituent groups represented by R_8 , in case of Ar_5 .

[0034] R other than the groups represented by $-X-R_3$, $-Ar_4$ or $-R_8$ includes a hydrogen atom, linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; linear, branched, or cyclic alkoxy groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; linear, branched, or cyclic alkylthio groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; mono-, di-, or tri-alkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms; mono-, or di-alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms; aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms; aryloxy groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms; arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms; arylalkoxy groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms; arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms; heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and cyano group. The aryl group, aryloxy group, arylalkyl group, arylalkoxy group and arylamino group may have further substituents.

[0035] Carbon atoms in the group represented by above R are possibly replaced by oxygen atom or sulfur atom, one or more hydrogen atoms in R group may be replaced by fluorine atom.

[0036] In the above examples, a plurality of Rs are present in one structural formula, they may be the same or different, and they are selected independently each other. When Ar_1 , Ar_2 , Ar_3 or Ar_5 has a plurality of substituents, they may be the same or different. For enhancing the solubility into a solvent, it is preferable that at least one substituent other than a hydrogen atom is carried, and it is preferable that the symmetric property of the form of a repeating unit including a substituent is low.

[0037] X represents a group selected from $-O-$, $-S-$, $-CP_{11}P_{12}-$, $-SiR_{13}R_{14}-$, $-NR_{15}-$, $-CO-$, $-COO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CP_{16}=CP_{17}-$, and $-C\equiv C-$. $-O-$, $-S-$, $-CR_{16}=CR_{17}-$, or $-C\equiv C-$ is suitable, and $-O-$ or $-S-$ is more suitable, $-O-$ is further more suitable. R_{11} to R_{17} represent, each independently, a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-20 carbon atoms, aryl group having 6-60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound group having 3-60 carbon atoms, and a cyano group. The aryl group and the heterocyclic compound group may have further substituents.

[0038] Concrete examples of R_3 and R_8 include: linear, branched and cyclic alkyl groups of 1 to 20 carbon atoms such as a methyl group, ethyl group, n-propyl group, iso-propyl group, n-butyl group, iso-butyl group, tert-butyl group, pentyl group, hexyl group, heptyl group, octyl group, nonyl group, decyl group, lauryl group, cyclopropyl group, cyclobutyl group, cyclopentyl group, cyclohexyl group, cycloheptyl group, cyclooctyl group, cyclononyl group and cyclododecyl group, and a pentyl group, hexyl group, octyl group, decyl group and cyclohexyl group are preferable. As to the illustrated examples of alkyl groups, when prefixes, such as n- and iso-, are not specifically shown, the illustrated examples include all the alkyl groups of linear and branched structures. (Hereinafter referred to as the same).

[0039] Examples of mono-, di- and tri-alkylsilyl group of 1 to 60 carbon atoms include: a mono-methylsilyl group, dimethylsilyl group, trimethylsilyl group, mono-ethylsilyl group, diethylsilyl group, triethylsilyl group, monopropylsilyl group, dipropylsilyl group, tripropylsilyl group, mono-butylsilyl group, dibutylsilyl group, tributylsilyl group, mono-pentylsilyl group, dipentylsilyl group, tripentylsilyl group, mono-hexylsilyl group, dihexylsilyl group, trihexylsilyl group, mono-heptylsilyl group, diheptylsilyl group, triheptylsilyl group, monooctylsilyl group, dioctylsilyl group, trioctylsilyl group, monononylsilyl group, dinonylsilyl group, trinonylsilyl group, mono-decylsilyl group, didecylsilyl group, tridecylsilyl group, mono-laurylsilyl group, dilaurylsilyl group, trilaurylsilyl group, ethyldimethylsilyl group, propyldimethylsilyl group, butyld-

imethylsilyl group, pentyldimethylsilyl group, hexyldimethylsilyl group, heptyldimethylsilyl group, octyldimethylsilyl group, nonyldimethylsilyl group, decyldimethylsilyl group and lauryldimethylsilyl group, and a triptylsilyl group, trihexylsilyl group, trioctylsilyl group, tridecylsilyl group, pentyldimethylsilyl group, hexyldimethylsilyl group, octyldimethylsilyl group, decyldimethylsilyl group and dodecyldimethylsilyl group are preferable.

[0040] Examples of an arylalkyl group having 7-60 carbon atoms, include a phenylmethyl group, phenylethyl group, phenylpropyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenylmethyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenylethyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenylpropyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenylmethyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenylethyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenylpropyl group, naphthylmethyl group, naphthylethyl group and naphthylpropyl group. Among them, a C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenylmethyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenylethyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenylpropyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenylmethyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenylethyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenylpropyl group are preferred.

[0041] As an aryl group having 6-60 carbon atoms, concrete examples of R₃ and Ar₄ include a phenyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl group (C₁-C₁₂ represents that the number of carbon atoms are 1-12. Hereinafter, referred to as the same.), C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl group, 1-naphthyl group and 2-naphthyl group.

[0042] Among them, a C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl group, and C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl group are preferred. Moreover, examples of a heterocyclic compound group having 4-60 carbon atoms include a thienyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylthienyl group, pyroryl group, furyl group, pyridyl group and C₁-C₁₂ alkylpyridyl group. Among them, a thienyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylthienyl group, pyridyl group, and C₁-C₁₂ alkylpyridyl group are preferred.

[0043] As a saturated heterocyclic compound group having 3-60 carbon atoms, concrete examples of R₈ include an oxolanyl group, dioxolanyl group, thiolanyl group, oxathiolanyl group, pyrrolidinyl group, pyrrolidino group, pyrazolidyl group, imidazolidyl group, oxanyl group, thianyl group, piperidyl group, piperidino group, piperazinyl group, piperazino group, morpholinyl group and morpholino group.

[0044] An oxolanyl group and oxanyl group are preferred.

[0045] Examples of mono- or di-alkylamino group having 1-40 carbon atoms include a monomethylamino group, dimethylamino group, monoethylamino group, diethylamino group, monopropylamino group, dipropylamino group, monobutylamino group, dibutylamino group, monopentylamino group, dipentylamino group, monohexylamino group, dihexylamino group, monoheptylamino group, diheptylamino group, monooctylamino group and dioctylamino group. A pentylamino group, hexylamino group, octylamino group, decylamino group, dipentylamino group, dihexylamino group, dioctylamino group, and didecylamino group are preferred.

[0046] If the case where R are substituents other than hydrogen atom, cyano group, or a group represented by -X-R₃, -Ar₄, or -R₈, examples of a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group of having 1-20 carbon atoms include a methyl group, ethyl group, n-propyl group, iso-propyl group, n-butyl group, iso-butyl group, tert-butyl group, pentyl group, hexyl group, heptyl group, octyl group, nonyl group, decyl group, lauryl group, cyclopropyl group, cyclobutyl group, cyclopentyl group, cyclohexyl group, cycloheptyl group, cyclooctyl group, cyclononyl group and cyclododecyl group. A pentyl group, hexyl group, octyl group, decyl group, and cyclohexyl group are preferred.

[0047] Examples of an alkoxy group having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-20 carbon atoms, include a methoxy group, ethoxy group, n-propyloxy group, iso-propyloxy group, n-butoxy group, iso-butoxy group, tert-butoxy group, pentyloxy group, hexyloxy group, heptyloxy group, octyloxy group, nonyloxy group, decyloxy group, lauryloxy group, cyclopropyloxy group, cyclobutyloxy group, cyclopentyloxy group, cyclohexyloxy group and cycloheptyloxy group. A pentyloxy group, hexyloxy group, octyloxy group, decyloxy group, and cyclohexyloxy group are preferred.

[0048] Examples of an alkylthio group having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-20 carbon atoms, include a methylthio group, ethylthio group, n-propylthio group, iso-propylthio group, n-butylthio group, iso-butylthio group, tert-butylthio group, pentylthio group, hexylthio group, heptylthio group, octylthio group, nonylthio group, decylthio group, laurylthio group, cyclopropylthio group, cyclobutylthio group, cyclopentylthio group, cyclohexylthio group and cycloheptylthio group.

A pentylthio group, hexylthio group, octylthio group, decylthio group, and cyclohexylthio group are preferred.

[0049] Examples of linear, branched or cyclic alkylsilyl group having 1-60 carbon atoms include a monomethylsilyl group, dimethylsilyl group, trimethylsilyl group, monoethylsilyl group, diethylsilyl group, triethylsilyl group, monopropylsilyl group, dipropylsilyl group, tripropylsilyl group, monobutylsilyl group, dibutylsilyl group, tributylsilyl group, monopentylsilyl group, dipentylsilyl group, triptylsilyl group, monohexylsilyl group, dihexylsilyl group, trihexylsilyl group, monoheptylsilyl group, diheptylsilyl group, triheptylsilyl group, monooctylsilyl group, dioctylsilyl group, monooctylsilyl group, dioctylsilyl group, trioctylsilyl group, monononylsilyl group, dinonylsilyl group, trinonylsilyl group, monodecylsilyl group, didecylsilyl group, tridecylsilyl group, monolaurylsilyl group, dilaurylsilyl group, trilaurylsilyl group, ethyldimethylsilyl group, propyldimethylsilyl group, butyldimethylsilyl group, pentyldimethylsilyl group, hexyldimethylsilyl group, heptyldimethylsilyl group, octyldimethylsilyl group, nonyldimethylsilyl group, decyldimethylsilyl group and lauryldimethylsilyl group.

[0050] Among them, a triptylsilyl group, trihexylsilyl group, trioctylsilyl group, tridecylsilyl group, pentyldimethylsilyl group, hexyldimethylsilyl group, octyldimethylsilyl group, and decyldimethylsilyl group are preferred.

[0051] Examples of the mono- or di-alkylamino group having 1-40 carbon atoms include a monomethylamino group,

dimethylamino group, mono ethylamino group, diethylamino group, monopropylamino group, dipropylamino group, monobutylamino group, dibutylamino group, monopentylamino group, dipentylamino group, monohexylamino group, dihexylamino group, monoheptylamino group, diheptylamino group, monooctylamino group, dioctylamino group, monononylamino group, dinonylamino group, monodecylamino group, didecylamino group, monolaurylamino group and dilaurylamino group. Among them, a pentylamino group, hexylamino group, octylamino group, decylamino group, dipentylamino group, dihexylamino group, dioctylamino group, and didecylamino group are preferred.

[0052] Examples of an aryl group having 6-60 carbon atoms include a phenyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl group (C₁-C₁₂ represents that the number of carbon atoms are 1-12. Hereinafter, referred to as the same.), C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl group, 1-naphtyl group and 2-naphtyl group.

Among them, a C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl group, and C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl group are preferred.

[0053] Examples of an aryloxy group having 6-60 carbon atoms include a phenoxy group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenoxy group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenoxy group, 1-naphtyloxy group and 2-naphtyloxy group.

Among them, a C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenoxy group, and C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenoxy group are preferred.

[0055] Examples of an arylalkyl group having 7-60 carbon atoms include a phenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, 1-naphtyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group and 2-naphtyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group. Among them, a C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, and C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group are preferred.

[0056] Examples of an arylalkoxy group having 7-60 carbon atoms include a phenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, 1-naphtyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group and 2-naphtyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group.

Among them, a C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, and C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl-C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group are preferred.

[0058] As an arylalkenyl group having 8-60 carbon atoms, a phenylethenyl group, naphtylethenyl group, anthrylethenyl group and pyrenylethenyl group are exemplified. These may have further a C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, and C₆-C₂₀ aryl group as a substituent. Among them, a phenylethenyl group, phenylethenyl group having C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, the phenylethenyl group having C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group are preferred.

[0059] As an arylalkynyl group having 8-60 carbon atoms, a phenylethynyl group, naphtylethynyl group, anthrylethynyl group, and pyrenylethynyl group are exemplified. These may have further a C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, and C₆-C₂₀ aryl group as a substituent. A phenyl ethynyl group, phenylethynyl group having C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, and phenylethynyl group having C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group are preferred.

[0060] Examples of a mono or diarylamino group having 6-60 carbon atoms include a phenylamino group, diphenylamino group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenylamino group, a di-(C₁-C₁₂ alkoxyphenyl) amino group, a di-(C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl) amino group, 1-naphtylamino group and 2-naphtylamino group.

Among them a C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenylamino group, and a di-(C₁-C₁₂ alkylphenyl) amino group are preferred. As a heterocyclic compound group having 3-60 carbon atoms, a pyrrolyl group, oxazolyl group, isoxazolyl group, thiazolyl group, isothiazolyl group, pyranlyl group, pyridyl group, pyridazinyl group, pyrimidyl group, pyrazyl group, quinolyl group, oxazolyl group, dioxazolyl group, indolyl group, isoindolyl group, indazolyl group, chromenyl group, quinolyl group, isoquinolyl group, cinnolyl group, quinazolyl group, quinoxalyl group, phthalazyl group, purinyl group, pteridyl group, xanthenyl group, carbazolyl group, phenanthridyl group, acridyl group, phenazyl group, phenanthrolyl group, thianaphtalenyl group, dithianaphtalenyl group, furyl group, benzofuryl group, dibenzofuryl group, thienyl group, benzothienyl group, dibenzothienyl group, oxadiazolyl group, oxazolyl group, triazolyl group, thiodiazolyl group, benzoxazolyl group, benzodiazolyl group, silolyl group and benzosilolyl group are exemplified. These may have further a C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy group, and C₆-C₂₀ aryl group as a substituent. A heterocyclic compound group having 4-60 carbon atoms is preferable, and more preferably, a heterocyclic compound group having 4-30 carbon atoms. A thienyl group, thienyl group having C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group, pyridyl group, and pyridyl group having C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group is preferred.

[0062] Among the examples of R, the substituent containing an alkyl chain can be either of linear, branched, or cyclic one, or the combination thereof. When it is not linear, exemplified are a isoamyl group, 2-ethylhexyl group, 3,7-dimethyloctyl group, cyclohexyl group and 4-C₁-C₁₂ alkylcyclohexyl group. In order to improve the solubility to solvent of a polymeric fluorescent substance, it is suitable that a cyclic or branched alkyl chain is contained in one of the substituents of Ar₁, Ar₂, Ar₄, and Ar₅. Moreover, the terminal ends of two alkyl chains can be connected to form a ring. Furthermore, carbon atoms of a part of alkyl chain may be replaced by a group containing a hetero atom. Examples of hetero atoms include an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom and a nitrogen atom.

[0063] Furthermore, among the examples of R, when an aryl group or a heterocyclic compound group is contained in the part, they can contain one or more substituents.

[0064] In the above formula (1), the symbol m is 0 or 1. In the above formula (2), the symbol p is 0 or 1. In the above formula (3), the symbol r is 0 or 1. R₁, R₂ in the above formula (1), R₄, R₅ in the above formula (2), R₆, R₇ in the above formula (3), and R₉ and R₁₀ in the above formula (3) represent each independently, a group selected from a hydrogen atom, a linear, branched and cyclic alkyl group having 1-20 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6-60 carbon atoms, a

heterocyclic compound group having 4-60 carbon atoms and cyano group. The aryl group and the heterocyclic compound group may have substituents.

[0065] When R_1 , R_2 , R_4 - R_7 , R_9 and R_{10} are substituents other than a hydrogen atom or a cyano group, examples of a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-20 carbon atoms include a methyl group, ethyl group, n-propyl group, iso-propyl group, n-butyl group, iso-butyl group, tert-butyl group, pentyl group, hexyl group, heptyl group, octyl group, nonyl group, decyl group, lauryl group, cyclopropyl group, cyclobutyl group, cyclopentyl group, cyclohexyl group, cycloheptyl group, cyclooctyl group, cyclononyl group and cyclododecyl group. Among them, a pentyl group, hexyl group, octyl group, decyl group, and cyclohexyl group are preferred.

[0066] Examples of an aryl group having 6-60 carbon atoms include a phenyl group, C_1 - C_{12} alkoxyphenyl group, C_1 - C_{12} alkylphenyl group, 1-naphtyl group and 2-naphtyl group.

[0067] Among them, a phenyl group and C_1 - C_{12} alkylphenyl group are preferred.

[0068] As a heterocyclic compound group having 3-60 carbon atoms, a pyrrolyl group, oxazolyl group, isoxazolyl group, thiazolyl group, isothiazolyl group, pyranyl group, pyridyl group, pyridazinyl group, pyrimidyl group, pyrazyl group, quinolyl group, oxazolyl group, dioxazolyl group, indolyl group, isoindolyl group, indazolyl group, chromenyl group, quinolyl group, isoquinolyl group, cinnolyl group, quinazolyl group, quinoxalyl group, phthalazolyl group, purinyl group, pteridyl group, xanthenyl group, carbazolyl group, phenanthridyl group, acridyl group, phenazyl group, phenanthrolyl group, thianaphthalenyl group, dithianaphthalenyl group, furyl group, benzofuryl group, dibenzofuryl group, thienyl group, benzothienyl group, dibenzothienyl group, oxadiazolyl group, oxazolyl group, triazolyl group, thiodiazolyl group, benzoxazolyl group, benzodiazolyl group, silolyl group and benzosilolyl group are exemplified. These may have further a C_1 - C_{12} alkyl group, C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy group, and C_6 - C_{20} aryl group as a substituent. A heterocyclic compound group having 4-60 carbon atoms is preferable, and more preferably, a heterocyclic compound group having 4-30 carbon atoms. A thienyl group, thienyl group having C_1 - C_{12} alkyl group, pyridyl group, and pyridyl group having C_1 - C_{12} alkyl group is preferred.

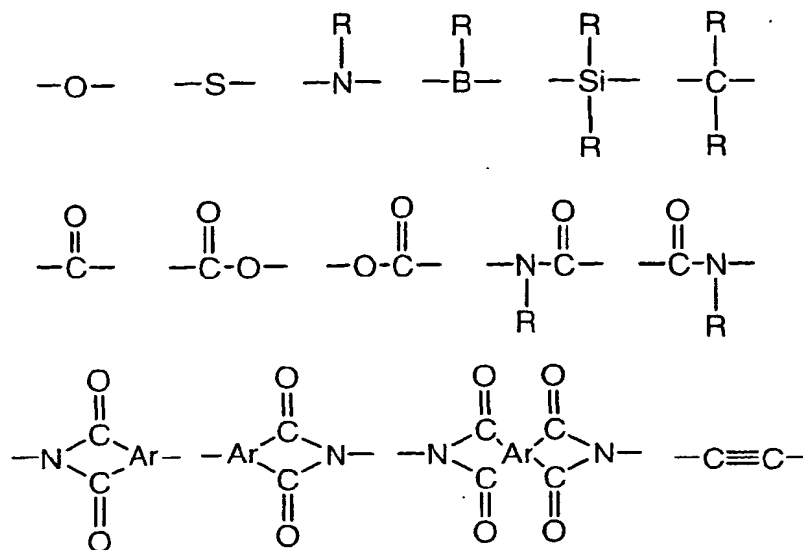
[0069] Moreover, as for the end group of a polymeric fluorescent substance, if the polymerizable group remains as it is, the light-emitting property and lifetime of a device using thereof may fall, and it can be protected by a stable group.

[0070] Preferable is a conjugated bond successively connected to the conjugated structure of a main chain. For example, structures bonding to an aryl group or a heterocyclic compound group through vinylene group are included. Specifically, a substituent such as the chemical formula 10 described in JP-A-9-45478 is exemplified.

[0071] For synthesizing this polymeric fluorescent substance, when the main chain has vinylene groups, there are exemplified methods described in JP-A-5-202355. Namely, there are exemplified polymerization of dialdehyde compounds with diphosphonium salt compounds, polymerization of dialdehyde compounds with bisphosphate ester compounds by Wittig reaction such as Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons method, condensation polymerization by dehydrogenation method of a compound having two methyl halide groups, condensation polymerization by sulfonium salt decomposition method of a compound having two sulfonium base group and polymerization of dialdehyde compounds with diacetonitrile compounds or of compounds having both of aldehyde and acetonitrile groups by the Knoevenagel reaction. Among them, polymerization by Wittig reaction, condensation polymerization by dehydrohalogenation method and condensation polymerization by sulfonium salt decomposition method are easy to conduct, as described in JP-A-3-244630.

[0072] Further, when the main chain does not have a vinylene group, there are exemplified a method in which polymerization is conducted from the corresponding monomer by the Suzuki coupling reaction, a method in which polymerization is conducted by the Grignard reaction, a method in which polymerization is conducted using a Ni(0) catalyst, a method in which polymerization is conducted using an oxidizing agents such as $FeCl_3$, a method in which oxidation polymerization is conducted electrochemically and a method in which an intermediate polymer having a suitable releasing group is decomposed.

[0073] This polymeric fluorescent substance may contain other repeating units than the repeating units of the formulae (1), (2), (3) or (4) in the range wherein luminescent property and charge transport property do not deteriorate. The repeating unit of the formulae (1), (2), (3), (4) or other units than the repeating units of the formulae (1), (2), (3) or (4) may be connected via a non-conjugated unit, or such a non-conjugated part may also be contained in the repeating unit. As the linkage structure, there are exemplified those shown in the following chemical formula 21, combinations of those shown in the following chemical formula 21 with a vinylene group and combinations of two or more of those shown in the following chemical formula 21. Herein, R 's each independently represents a group selected from the group exemplified above, and Ar represents a hydrocarbon group of 6 to 60 carbon atoms. Specific examples of these groups are the same as those exemplified above.



[0074] This polymeric fluorescent substance may also be a random, block or graft copolymer, or a polymer having an intermediate structure thereof, for example, a random copolymer having blocking property. From the viewpoint for obtaining a polymeric fluorescent substance having high fluorescent quantum yield, random copolymers having blocking property and block or graft copolymers are more preferable than complete random copolymers. Dendrimers or copolymers having branching in the main chain and having three or more terminals are also included.

[0075] Further, as the polymeric fluorescent substance, those emitting fluorescence in a solid state are suitably used, since the material utilizes light emission from a thin film.

[0076] As good solvents for the polymeric fluorescent substance, there are exemplified chloroform, methylene chloride, dichloroethane, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, xylene, mesitylene, tetralin, decalin and n-butylbenzene. The polymeric fluorescent substance can be usually dissolved in these solvents in an amount of 0.1 wt % or more, though the amount differs depending on the structure and molecular weight of the polymeric fluorescent substance.

[0077] The polymeric fluorescent substance has a number-average molecular weight of 1×10^4 to 1×10^8 in terms of polystyrene, and the degree of polymerization thereof also changes depending on repeating structures and proportion thereof. From the standpoint of film forming property, generally the total amount of repeating structures is preferably from 20 to 10000, more preferably from 30 to 10000, particularly preferably from 50 to 5000.

[0078] When these polymeric fluorescent substances are used as a light-emitting material of a polymer LED, the purity thereof exerts an influence on light-emitting property, therefore, it is preferable that a monomer before polymerization is purified by a method such as distillation, sublimation purification and re-crystallization before being polymerized and further, it is preferable to conduct a purification treatment such as re-precipitation purification and chromatographic separation after the synthesis.

[0079] Moreover, the ratio of hole drift mobility μ_H to electron drift mobility μ_E (μ_H/μ_E) of a polymeric fluorescent substance used for polymer light-emitting diode of the present invention measured by the Standard Time-of-Flight method is in the ranges of 0.1-10, and suitably 0.2-5.

[0080] Especially, the hole drift mobility μ_0 without energetic disorder and spatial disorder in polymeric fluorescent substance, is suitably less than $5 \times 10^{-4} \text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$, and more suitably less than $2 \times 10^{-4} \text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$.

"The hole drift mobility μ_0 without energetic disorder and spatial disorder" is defined by the following formula (1) according to Phys. Stat. Sol. (b) Vol.107 (1981) p.9.

[0081] The value of μ_0 is obtained by the Standard Time-of-Flight method, with measuring hole drift mobility $\mu(E, T)$ of a polymeric fluorescent substance with changing electric field (E) and/or temperature (T) and applying to the following formula (1).

$$\mu(E, T) = \mu_0 \exp \left[- \left(\frac{2\sigma}{3kT} \right)^2 \right] \exp \left\{ E^{1/2} C \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{kT} \right)^2 - \Sigma^2 \right] \right\} \cdot \cdot \quad (1)$$

[0082] E is electric field, T is absolute temperature, $\mu(E, T)$ is hole drift mobility at electric field E and temperature T, k is Boltzmann's constant, C is a constant. σ is the degree of energetic disorder representing the Gaussian width of energetic distribution of a hopping site, Σ is the degree of spatial disorder representing the Gaussian width of spatial distribution of a hopping site.

[0083] Specifically, applying to the formula (1) is carried out as follows. Namely, $E^{1/2}$ and $\log[\mu(E, T)]$ are plotted at each temperature T, by using the measured hole drift mobility $\mu(E, T)$ and electric field E. Straight line approximation by a least-square method is carried out, and the intercept value $\mu(E \rightarrow 0, T)$ of the straight line is obtained.

[0084] Subsequently, $1/T^2$ and $\log[\mu(E \rightarrow 0, T)]$ are plotted, straight line approximation by a least-square method is carried out, and the value μ_0 is obtained from the intercept of the straight line.

[0085] In the above, the temperature of hole drift mobility $\mu(E, T)$ measurement are usually changed in a range of from liquid nitrogen temperature to 80 °C, and the electric field is usually changed in the range of 10^4 - 10^7 V/cm.

[0086] The Standard Time-of-Flight method used for measurement of the above drift mobility is described in F. K. Dolezalek, Photoconductivity and Related Phenomena, Eds. J. Mort & D. M. Pai (New York) Chap. 2 (1976) p. 27.

[0087] Next, the polymer LED of the present invention will be illustrated. The polymer LED of the present invention is a polymer LED comprising a pair of electrodes composed of an anode and a cathode at least one of which is transparent or semitransparent and a light-emitting layer disposed between the electrodes, and a polymeric fluorescent substance of the present invention is contained in the light-emitting layer.

[0088] As the polymer LED of the present invention, there are listed polymer LEDs having an electron-transporting layer disposed between a cathode and a light-emitting layer, polymer LEDs having a hole-transporting layer disposed between an anode and a light-emitting layer, polymer LEDs having an electron-transporting layer disposed between a cathode and a light-emitting layer and having a hole-transporting layer disposed between an anode and a light-emitting layer.

[0089] For example, the following structures a) to d) are specifically exemplified.

- a) anode/light-emitting layer/cathode
- b) anode/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/cathode
- c) anode/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/cathode
- d) anode/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/cathode

(wherein, / indicates adjacent lamination of layers.
Hereinafter, referred to as the same)

[0090] Herein, the light-emitting layer is a layer having function to emit a light, the hole-transporting layer is a layer having function to transport a hole, and the electron-transporting layer is a layer having function to transport an electron. Herein, the electron-transporting layer and the hole-transporting layer are generically called a charge-transporting layer.

[0091] The light-emitting layer, hole-transporting layer and electron-transporting layer may also each independently used in two or more layers.

[0092] Of charge-transporting layers disposed adjacent to an electrode, that having function to improve charge-injecting efficiency from the electrode and having effect to decrease driving voltage of an device are particularly called sometimes a charge-injecting layer (hole-injecting layer, electron-injecting layer) in general.

[0093] For enhancing adherence with an electrode and improving charge injection from an electrode, the above-described charge-injecting layer or insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less may also be provided adjacent to an electrode, and further, for enhancing adherence of the interface and preventing mixing a thin buffer layer may also be inserted into the interface of a charge-transporting layer and light-emitting layer.

[0094] The order and number of layers laminated and the thickness of each layer can be appropriately applied while considering light-emitting efficiency and life of the device.

[0095] In the present invention, as the polymer LED having a charge-injecting layer (electron-injecting layer, hole-injecting layer) provided, there are listed a polymer LED having a charge-injecting layer provided adjacent to a cathode and a polymer LED having a charge-injecting layer provided adjacent to an anode.

[0096] For example, the following structures e) to p) are specifically exemplified.

- e) anode/charge-injecting layer/light-emitting layer/cathode
- f) anode/light-emitting layer/charge injecting layer/cathode
- g) anode/charge-injecting layer/light-emitting layer/charge-injecting layer/cathode
- h) anode/charge-injecting layer/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/cathode
- i) anode/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/charge-injecting layer/cathode
- j) anode/charge-injecting layer/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/charge-injecting layer/cathode
- k) anode/charge-injecting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/cathode
- l) anode/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/charge-injecting layer/cathode

- m) anode/charge-injecting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/charge-injecting layer/cathode
 n) anode/charge-injecting layer/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/cathode
 o) anode/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/charge-injecting layer/cathode
 p) anode/charge-injecting layer/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/charge-injecting layer/cathode

[0097] As the specific examples of the charge-injecting layer, there are exemplified layers containing an conducting polymer, layers which are disposed between an anode and a hole-transporting layer and contain a material having an ionization potential between the ionization potential of an anode material and the ionization potential of a hole-transporting material contained in the hole-transporting layer and layers which are disposed between a cathode and an electron-transporting layer and contain a material having an electron affinity between the electron affinity of a cathode material and the electron affinity of an electron-transporting material contained in the electron-transporting layer.

[0098] When the above-described charge-injecting layer is a layer containing an conducting polymer, the electric conductivity of the conducting polymer is preferably 10^{-5} S/cm or more and 10^3 S/cm or less, and for decreasing the leak current between light-emitting pixels, more preferably 10^{-5} S/cm or more and 10^2 S/cm or less, further preferably 10^{-5} S/cm or more and 10^1 S/cm or less.

[0099] Usually, to provide an electric conductivity of the conducting polymer of 10^{-5} S/cm or more and 10^3 S/cm or less, a suitable amount of ions are doped into the conducting polymer.

[0100] Regarding the kind of an ion doped, an anion is used in a hole-injecting layer and a cation is used in an electron-injecting layer. As examples of the anion, a polystyrene sulfonate ion, alkylbenzene sulfonate ion and camphor sulfonate ion are exemplified, and as examples of the cation, a lithium ion, sodium ion, potassium ion and tetrabutyl ammonium ion are exemplified.

[0101] The thickness of the charge-injecting layer is for example, from 1 nm to 100 nm, preferably from 2 nm to 50 nm.

[0102] Materials used in the charge-injecting layer may properly be selected in view of relation with the materials of electrode and adjacent layers, and there are exemplified conducting polymers such as polyaniline and derivatives thereof, polythiophene and derivatives thereof, polypyrrole and derivatives thereof, poly(phenylene vinylene) and derivatives thereof, poly(thienylene vinylene) and derivatives thereof, polyquinoline and derivatives thereof, polyquinoxaline and derivatives thereof and polymers containing aromatic amine structures in the main chain or the side chain, and metal phthalocyanine (e.g. copper phthalocyanine) and carbon.

[0103] The insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less has function to make charge injection easy. As the material of the above-described insulation layer, metal fluoride, metal oxide, organic insulation materials and the like are listed. As the polymer LED having an insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less, there are listed polymer LEDs having an insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less provided adjacent to a cathode, and polymer LEDs having an insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less provided adjacent to an anode.

[0104] Specifically, there are listed the following structures q) to ab) for example.

q) anode/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/light-emitting layer/cathode

r) anode/light-emitting layer/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/cathode

s) anode/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/light-emitting layer/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/cathode

t) anode/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/cathode

u) anode/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/cathode

v) anode/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/cathode

w) anode/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/cathode

x) anode/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/cathode

y) anode/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/cathode

z) anode/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/cathode

aa) anode/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/cathode

ab) anode/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/hole-transporting layer/light-emitting layer/electron-transporting layer/insulation layer having a thickness of 2 nm or less/cathode

[0105] In producing a polymer LED, when a film is formed from a solution by using such polymeric fluorescent substance soluble in an organic solvent, only required is removal of the solvent by drying after coating of this solution, and even in the case of mixing of a charge-transporting material and a light-emitting material, the same method can be

applied, causing an extreme advantage in production. As the film forming method from a solution, there can be used coating methods such as a spin coating method, casting method, micro gravure coating method, gravure coating method, bar coating method, roll coating method, wire bar coating method, dip coating method, spray coating method, screen printing method, flexo printing method, offset printing method and inkjet printing method.

[0106] Regarding the thickness of the light-emitting layer, the optimum value differs depending on material used, and may properly be selected so that the driving voltage and the light-emitting efficiency become optimum values, and for example, it is from 1 nm to 1 μ m, preferably from 2 nm to 500 nm, further preferably from 5 nm to 200 nm.

[0107] In the polymer LED of the present invention, light-emitting materials other than the above-described polymeric fluorescent substance can also be mixed in a light-emitting layer. Further, in the polymer LED of the present invention, the light-emitting layer containing light-emitting materials other than the above-described polymeric fluorescent substance may also be laminated with a light-emitting layer containing the above-described polymeric fluorescent substance.

[0108] As the light-emitting material, known materials can be used. In a compound having lower molecular weight, there can be used, for example, naphthalene derivatives, anthracene or derivatives thereof, perylene or derivatives thereof; dyes such as polymethine dyes, xanthene dyes, coumarine dyes, cyanine dyes; metal complexes of 8-hydroxyquinoline or derivatives thereof, aromatic amine, tetraphenylcyclopentane or derivatives thereof, or tetraphenylbutadiene or derivatives thereof.

[0109] Specifically, there can be used known compounds such as those described in JP-A-57-51781 and 59-195393.

[0110] When the polymer LED of the present invention has a hole-transporting layer, as the hole-transporting materials used, there are exemplified polyvinylcarbazole or derivatives thereof, polysilane or derivatives thereof, polysiloxane derivatives having an aromatic amine in the side chain or the main chain, pyrazoline derivatives, arylamine derivatives, stilbene derivatives, triphenyldiamine derivatives, polyaniline or derivatives thereof, polythiophene or derivatives thereof, polypyrrole or derivatives thereof, poly(p-phenylenevinylene) or derivatives thereof, poly(2,5-thienylenevinylene) or derivatives thereof.

[0111] Specific examples of the hole-transporting material include those described in JP-A-63-70257, 63-175860, 2-135359, 2-135361, 2-209988, 3-37992 and 3-152184.

[0112] Among them, as the hole-transporting materials used in the hole-transporting layer, preferable are polymer hole-transporting materials such as polyvinylcarbazole or derivatives thereof, polysilane or derivatives thereof, polysiloxane derivatives having an aromatic amine compound group in the side chain or the main chain, polyaniline or derivatives thereof, polythiophene or derivatives thereof, poly(p-phenylenevinylene) or derivatives thereof, poly(2,5-thienylenevinylene) or derivatives thereof,

and further preferable are polyvinylcarbazole or derivatives thereof, polysilane or derivatives thereof and polysiloxane derivatives having an aromatic amine compound group in the side chain or the main chain. In the case of a hole-transporting material having lower molecular weight, it is preferably dispersed in a polymer binder for use.

[0113] Polyvinylcarbazole or derivatives thereof are obtained, for example, by cation polymerization or radical polymerization from a vinyl monomer.

[0114] As the polysilane or derivatives thereof, there are exemplified compounds described in Chem. Rev., 89, 1359 (1989) and GB 2300196 published specification, and the like. For synthesis, methods described in them can be used, and a Kipping method can be suitably used particularly.

[0115] As the polysiloxane or derivatives thereof, those having the structure of the above-described hole-transporting material having lower molecular weight in the side chain or main chain, since the siloxane skeleton structure has poor hole-transporting property.

Particularly, there are exemplified those having an aromatic amine having hole-transporting property in the side chain or main chain.

[0116] The method for forming a hole-transporting layer is not restricted, and in the case of a hole-transporting layer having lower molecular weight, a method in which the layer is formed from a mixed solution with a polymer binder is exemplified. In the case of a polymer hole-transporting material, a method in which the layer is formed from a solution is exemplified.

[0117] The solvent used for the film forming from a solution is not particularly restricted providing it can dissolve a hole-transporting material. As the solvent, there are exemplified chlorine solvents such as chloroform, methylene chloride and dichloroethane, ether solvents such as tetrahydrofuran, aromatic hydrocarbon solvents such as toluene and xylene, ketone solvents such as acetone and methyl ethyl ketone and ester solvents such as ethyl acetate, butyl acetate and ethylcellosolve acetate.

[0118] As the film forming method from a solution, there can be used coating methods such as a spin coating method, casting method, micro gravure coating method, gravure coating method, bar coating method, roll coating method, wire bar coating method, dip coating method, spray coating method, screen printing method, flexo printing method, offset printing method, inkjet printing method and the like, from a solution.

[0119] The polymer binder mixed is preferably that does not disturb charge transport extremely, and that does not

have strong absorption of a visible light is suitably used. As such polymer binder, polycarbonate, polyacrylate, poly(methyl acrylate), poly(methyl methacrylate), polystyrene, poly(vinyl chloride) and polysiloxane are exemplified.

[0120] Regarding the thickness of the hole-transporting layer, the optimum value differs depending on material used, and may properly be selected so that the driving voltage and the light-emitting efficiency become optimum values, and at least a thickness at which no pin hole is produced is necessary, and too large thickness is not preferable since the driving voltage of the device increases. Therefore, the thickness of the hole-transporting layer is, for example, from 1 nm to 1 μ m, preferably from 2 nm to 500 nm, further preferably from 5 nm to 200 nm.

[0121] When the polymer LED of the present invention has an electron-transporting layer, known compounds are used as the electron-transporting materials, and there are exemplified oxadiazole derivatives, anthraquinonedimethane or derivatives thereof, benzoquinone or derivatives thereof, naphthoquinone or derivatives thereof, anthraquinone or derivatives thereof, tetracyanoanthraquinodimethane or derivatives thereof, fluorenone derivatives, diphenyldicyanoethylene or derivatives thereof, diphenoquinone derivatives, or metal complexes of 8-hydroxyquinoline or derivatives thereof, polyquinoline and derivatives thereof, polyquinoxaline and derivatives thereof and polyfluorene or derivatives thereof.

[0122] Specifically, there are exemplified those described in JP-A-63-70257, 63-175860, 2-135359, 2-135361, 2-209988, 3-37992 and 3-152184.

[0123] Among them, oxadiazole derivatives, benzoquinone or derivatives thereof, anthraquinone or derivatives thereof, or metal complexes of 8-hydroxyquinoline or derivatives thereof, polyquinoline and derivatives thereof, polyquinoxaline and derivatives thereof, polyfluorene or derivatives thereof are preferable, and 2-(4-biphenyl)-5-(4-*t*-butylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole, benzoquinone, anthraquinone, tris (8-quinolinol)aluminum and polyquinoline are further preferable.

[0124] The method for forming the electron-transporting layer is not particularly restricted, and in the case of an electron-transporting material having lower molecular weight, a vapor deposition method from a powder, or a method of film-forming from a solution or melted state is exemplified, and in the case of a polymer electron-transporting material, a method of film-forming from a solution or melted state is exemplified, respectively.

[0125] The solvent used in the film-forming from a solution is not particularly restricted provided it can dissolve electron-transporting materials and/or polymer binders. As the solvent, there are exemplified chlorine solvents such as chloroform, methylene chloride and dichloroethane, ether solvents such as tetrahydrofuran, aromatic hydrocarbon solvents such as toluene and xylene, ketone solvents such as acetone and methyl ethyl ketone, and ester solvents such as ethyl acetate, butyl acetate and ethylcellosolve acetate,

[0126] As the film-forming method from a solution or melted state, there can be used coating methods such as a spin coating method, casting method, micro gravure coating method, gravure coating method, bar coating method, roll coating method, wire bar coating method, dip coating method, spray coating method, screen printing method, flexo printing method, offset printing method and inkjet printing method.

[0127] The polymer binder to be mixed is preferably that which does not extremely disturb a charge transport property, and that does not have strong absorption of a visible light is suitably used. As such polymer binder, poly(N-vinylcarbazole), polyaniline or derivatives thereof, polythiophene or derivatives thereof, poly(p-phenylene vinylene) or derivatives thereof, poly(2,5-thienylene vinylene) or derivatives thereof, polycarbonate, polyacrylate, poly(methyl acrylate), poly(methyl methacrylate), polystyrene, poly(vinyl chloride) and polysiloxane are exemplified.

[0128] Regarding the thickness of the electron-transporting layer, the optimum value differs depending on material used, and may properly be selected so that the driving voltage and the light-emitting efficiency become optimum values, and at least a thickness at which no pin hole is produced is necessary, and too large thickness is not preferable since the driving voltage of the device increases. Therefore, the thickness of the electron-transporting layer is, for example, from 1 nm to 1 μ m, preferably from 2 nm to 500 nm, further preferably from 5 nm to 200 nm.

[0129] The substrate forming the polymer LED of the present invention may preferably be that does not change in forming an electrode and layers of organic materials, and there are exemplified glass, plastics, polymer film and silicon substrates. In the case of a opaque substrate, it is preferable that the opposite electrode is transparent or semitransparent.

[0130] In the present invention, it is preferable that an anode is transparent or semitransparent, and as the material of this anode, e.g. electron conductive metal oxide films or semitransparent metal thin films are used.

Specifically, there are used indium oxide, zinc oxide, tin oxide, and films (NESA and the like) fabricated by using an electron conductive glass composed of indium · tin · oxide (ITO) or indium · zinc · oxide which are metal oxide complexes, and gold, platinum, silver and copper are used, and among them, ITO, indium · zinc · oxide, tin oxide are preferable. As the fabricating method e.g. a vacuum vapor deposition method, sputtering method, ion plating method, or plating method are used. As the anode, there may also be used organic transparent conducting films such as polyaniline or derivatives thereof, polythiophene or derivatives thereof.

[0131] The thickness of the anode can be appropriately selected while considering transmission of a light and electric conductivity, and for example, from 10 nm to 10 μ m, preferably from 20 nm to 1 μ m, further preferably from 50 nm to

500 nm.

[0132] Further, for easy charge injection, there may be provided on the anode a layer comprising a phthalocyanine derivative conducting polymers or carbon, or a layer having an average film thickness of 2 nm or less comprising a metal oxide, metal fluoride or organic insulating material.

[0133] As the material of a cathode used in the polymer LED of the present invention, that having lower work function is preferable. For example, there are used metals such as lithium, sodium, potassium, rubidium, cesium, beryllium, magnesium, calcium, strontium, barium, aluminum, scandium, vanadium, zinc, yttrium, indium, cerium, samarium, europium, terbium and ytterbium, or alloys comprising two or more of them, or alloys comprising one or more of them with one or more of gold, silver, platinum, copper, manganese, titanium, cobalt, nickel, tungsten and tin, graphite or graphite intercalation compounds. Examples of alloys include a magnesium-silver alloy, magnesium-indium alloy, magnesium-aluminum alloy, indium-silver alloy, lithium-aluminum alloy, lithium-magnesium alloy, lithium-indium alloy and calcium-aluminum alloy. The cathode may be formed into a laminated structure of two or more layers.

[0134] The thickness of the cathode can be appropriately selected while considering transmission of a light and electric conductivity, and for example, from 10 nm to 10 μ m, preferably from 20 nm to 1 μ m, further preferably from 50 nm to 500 nm.

[0135] As the method for fabricating a cathode, there are used a vacuum vapor deposition method, sputtering method, lamination method in which a metal thin film is adhered under heat and pressure, and the like. Further, there may also be provided, between a cathode and an organic layer, a layer comprising an conducting polymer, or a layer having an average film thickness of 2 nm or less comprising a metal oxide, metal fluoride, organic insulation material and the like, and after fabrication of the cathode, a protective layer may also be provided which protects the polymer LED. For stable use of the polymer LED for a long period of time, it is preferable to provide a protective layer and/or protective cover for protection of the device in order to prevent it from outside damage.

[0136] As the protective layer, there can be used a polymer compound, metal oxide, metal fluoride, metal borate and the like. As the protective cover, there can be used e.g. a glass plate or a plastic plate the surface of which has been subjected to lower-water-permeation treatment, and there is suitably used a method in which the cover is pasted with an device substrate by a thermosetting resin or light-curing resin for sealing. If space is maintained using a spacer, it is easy to prevent an device from being injured. If an inner gas such as nitrogen and argon is sealed in this space, it is possible to prevent oxidation of a cathode, and further, by placing a desiccant such as barium oxide and the like in the above-described space, it is easy to suppress the damage of an device by moisture adhered in the production process. Among them, any one means or more are preferably adopted.

[0137] For obtaining light emission in plane form using the polymer LED of the present invention, an anode and a cathode in the plane form may properly be placed so that they are laminated each other. Further, for obtaining light emission in pattern form, there are a method in which a mask with a window in pattern form is placed on the above-described plane light-emitting device, a method in which an organic layer in non-light emission part is formed to obtain extremely large thickness providing substantial non-light emission, and a method in which any one of an anode or a cathode, or both of them are formed in the pattern. By forming a pattern by any of these methods and by placing some electrodes so that independent on/off is possible, there is obtained a display device of segment type which can display digits, letters, simple marks and the like. Further, for forming a dot matrix device, it may be advantageous that anodes and cathodes are made in the form of stripes and placed so that they cross at right angles. By a method in which a plurality of kinds of polymeric fluorescent substances emitting different colors of lights are placed separately or a method in which a color filter or luminescence converting filter is used, area color displays and multi color displays are obtained. A dot matrix display can be driven by passive driving, or by active driving combined with TFT.

These display devices can be used e.g. as a display of a computer television, portable terminal, portable telephone, car navigation or view finder of a video camera.

[0138] Further, the above-described light-emitting device in plane form is a thin self-light-emitting one, and can be suitably used as a sheet light source for back-light of a liquid crystal display, or as a sheet light source for illumination. Further, if a flexible plate is used, it can also be used as a curved light source or a display.

EXAMPLES

[0139] The following examples further illustrate the present invention in detail but do not limit the scope thereof.

[0140] Herein, regarding the number average molecular weight, a number average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene was measured by gel permeation chromatography (GPC) using chloroform as a solvent.

Example 1

<Synthesis of polymer fluorescent substance 1>

[0141] 0.244 g (7.3 mmol) of 2-methoxy-5-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-p-xylylene dichloride, 1.83 g (4.5 mmol) of 2,5-bis(chloromethyl)-3'-(3,7-dimethyloctyloxy) biphenyl and 1.63 g (3.9 mmol) of 2-methyl-5-(3,7-dimethyloctyl)-p-xylylene dibromide were dissolved in 660 g of dehydrated 1,4-dioxane. The ratios of the monomers to the total amount of the monomers were 8 mol%, 49 mol% and 43 mol%, respectively. The system was purged with nitrogen by bubbling nitrogen through this solution for 20 minutes, then, the solution was heated up to 95°C under nitrogen atmosphere. To this solution was added dropwise, over about 10 minutes, a solution prepared previously by dissolving 4.7 g of potassium t-butoxide in 80 g of dehydrated 1,4-dioxane. After the addition, they were polymerized for 2.5 hours at 97°C.

[0142] After the polymerization, the polymerized solution was cooled to 50°C, then, neutralized by addition of acetic acid. After cooling to room temperature, this polymerized solution was poured into 800 g of methanol, and the produced precipitate was recovered. This precipitate was washed with ethanol, then, dried under reduced pressure. 1.5 g of the resulted polymer was dissolved in 400 g of THF. This solution was poured into 800 g of methanol, and the produced precipitate was recovered. This precipitate was washed with ethanol, then, dried under reduced pressure to obtain 1.4 g of a polymer. This polymer is called Polymer fluorescent substance 1. Polymer fluorescent substance 1 had a number-average molecular weight of 2×10^5 .

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[0143] 0.006 g of Polymer fluorescent substance 1 was weighed, to this was added toluene to give 1 g of a mixture, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature to provide complete dissolution. This solution is called a toluene solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 1.

[0144] The toluene solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 1 obtained above was cast on a transparent conductive film formed on glass (ITO) to form a film having a thickness of 5.6 μ m. Further, an Al electrode was vapor-deposited on the thin film of Polymer fluorescent substance 1, and used as a sample for measuring the drift mobility of carrier. In this sample, positive voltage was applied to the transparent electrode for this Al electrode, and a flush light (wavelength: 481 nm, flush time: 1 nsec) was directed from the transparent electrode side by using a nitrogen laser excitation type pigment laser, to measure the transition light current of hole. The hole drift mobility was calculated from curved point in log-log plot of time-transition light current. Likewise, negative voltage was applied to the transparent electrode for the Al electrode, and a flush light was directed from the transparent electrode side, to measure the transition light current of electron. The electron drift mobility was calculated from curved point in log-log plot of time-transition light current. As a result, at a measuring temperature of 27°C and an application voltage of 280 V (electric field: 0.5 MV/cm), a hole drift mobility of 1.7×10^{-8} cm²/V/s was obtained, and at an application voltage of -280 V (electric field: 0.5 MV/cm), an electron drift mobility of 2.4×10^{-8} cm²/V/s was obtained. The drift nobility ratio μ_h/μ_e was 0.71. Further, dependency of the hole drift mobility on filed intensity and temperature was measured at an electric field of 0.3 to 1 MV/cm and a temperature of -5°C to 40°C. At each temperature, $E^{1/2}$ and $\log[\mu(E, T)]$ were plotted using the resulted hole drift mobility $\mu(E, T)$ and electric field E, and approximated linearly by the least square method, to obtain the value $\mu(E \rightarrow 0, T)$ of the section of the line. Then, $1/T^2$ and $\log[\mu(E \rightarrow 0, T)]$ were plotted, and approximated linearly by the least-square method, to give 2×10^{-5} cm²/V/s, a value of μ_0 from the section of the line.

<Fabrication of device and evaluation of polymer LED properties >

[0145] A suspension of poly(3,4)ethylenedioxythiophene/polystyrenesulfonic acid (Baytron P Al 4083, manufactured by Bayer) was filtrated through a 0.5 μ m membrane filter, then, spin-coated on a glass substrate carrying thereon an ITO film having a thickness of 150 nm formed by a sputtering method, to give a film having a thickness of 70 nm, and dried for 10 minutes at 120°C in an oven. Then, a light-emitting layer having a thickness of 70 nm was formed by spin-coating a 0.6 wt% toluene solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 1 at room temperature. Further, this was dried for 1 hour at 80°C under reduced pressure, then, lithium fluoride was deposited to give a thickness of about 0.4 nm, then, calcium was deposited to give a thickness of 40 nm, and aluminum was deposited to give a thickness of 70 nm as a cathode, to fabricate a polymer LED device. The degrees of vacuum in the depositions were all 8×10^{-6} Torr or less. When a voltage of 5.0 V was applied on the resulted device, a current of a current density of 11.6 mA/cm² flowed, and EL light emission of yellow color having a luminance of 680 cd/m² was observed. In this operation, the light emission efficiency was 5.8 cd/A and the light emission spectrum of the device had a peak at 558 nm. The device was aged at a constant current of 25 mA/cm² for 1 hour under nitrogen flow, then, driven continuously at a constant current of 25 mA/cm² under nitrogen flow. As a result, a luminance of 700 cd/m² lowered to the half value over about 470 hours.

Reference Example 1

<Synthesis of polymer fluorescent substance 2>

[0146] 2.3 g of 2-methoxy-5-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-p-xylylene was dissolved in 400 g of dehydrated 1,4-dioxane. The system was purged with nitrogen by bubbling nitrogen through this solution for 20 minutes. To this solution was added dropwise, over about 30 minutes, a solution prepared previously by dissolving 4.7 g of potassium t-butoxide in 70 ml of dehydrated 1,4-dioxane. After the addition, they were polymerized by maintaining at room temperature for 15 hours.

[0147] After the polymerization, the polymerized solution was neutralized by addition of acetic acid. This polymerized solution was poured into 800 g of methanol, and the produced precipitate was recovered. This precipitate was washed with methanol, then, dried under reduced pressure to obtain 0.8 g of a polymer. This polymer is called Polymer fluorescent substance 2. Polymer fluorescent substance 2 had a number-average molecular weight of 1×10^5 .

Comparative Example 1

<Fabrication of device and evaluation of drift mobility of carrier>

[0148] 0.006 g of Polymer fluorescent substance 2 was weighed, to this was added toluene to give 1 g of a mixture, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature to provide incomplete dissolution. The mixture was dissolved completely by stirring at 80°C, however, when the solution was cooled to room temperature, it showed gelling, meaning poorer solubility into toluene as compared with Polymer fluorescent substance 1. 0.004 g of Polymer fluorescent substance 2 was weighed, to this was added chloroform to give 1 g of a mixture, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature to provide complete dissolution, giving a 0.4 wt% chloroform solution.

[0149] A thin film of Polymer fluorescent substance 2 having a thickness of 3.3 μm was formed in the same manner as in Example 1 except by using chloroform solution, and an Al electrode was deposited and used as a sample for measurement of drift mobility. In this sample, positive voltage or negative voltage was applied to the transparent electrode for this Al electrode, and a flush light was directed from the transparent electrode side, to measure the transition light current of hole and electron. As a result, at a measuring temperature of 27°C and an applied voltage of 165 V (electric field: 0.5 MV/cm), a hole drift mobility of $4 \times 10^{-6} \text{cm}^2/\text{V/s}$ was obtained. When negative voltage was applied, in transition light log-log plot, curved point was not found during time range wherein an electron drift mobility of $1 \times 10^{-7} \text{cm}^2/\text{V/s}$ or more was obtained, and the electron drift mobility was estimated to $1 \times 10^{-7} \text{cm}^2/\text{V/s}$ or less. In this case, the drift mobility ratio $\mu_{\text{H}}/\mu_{\text{E}}$ ratio was estimated to 40 or more.

[0150] Further, dependency of the hole drift mobility on electric field and temperature was measured at an electric field of 0.3 to 1 MV/cm and a temperature of -10°C to 40°C. At each temperature, $E^{1/2}$ and $\log[\mu(E, T)]$ were plotted using the resulted hole drift mobility $\mu(E, T)$ and electric field E, and approximated linearly by the least-square method, to obtain the value $\mu(E \rightarrow 0, T)$ of the section of the line. Then, $1/T^2$ and $\log[\mu(E \rightarrow 0, T)]$ were plotted, and approximated linearly by the least-square method, to give $7 \times 10^{-4} \text{cm}^2/\text{V/s}$, a value of μ_0 from the section of the line.

<Fabrication of device and evaluation of polymer LED properties>

[0151] A polymer LED device was produced at room temperature using the chloroform solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 2 by the same manner as in Example 1. When a voltage of 3.2 V was applied on the resulted device, a current of a current density of 11 mA/cm² flowed, and EL light emission of orange color having a luminance of 129 cd/m² was observed. In this operation, the light emission efficiency was 1.1 cd/A.

Reference Example 2

<Synthesis of polymer fluorescent substance 3>

[0152] 0.2 g (0.60 mmol) of 2-methoxy-5-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-p-xylylene dichloride and 12 g (29.5 mmol) of 2,5-bis(chloromethyl)-4'-(3,7-dimethyloctyloxy) biphenyl were dissolved in 2100 g of dehydrated 1,4-dioxane. The ratios of the monomers to the total amount of the monomers were 2 mol%, and 98 mol%, respectively. The system was purged with nitrogen by bubbling nitrogen through this solution for 20 minutes, then, the solution was heated up to 95°C under nitrogen atmosphere. To this solution was added dropwise, over about 10 minutes, a solution prepared previously by dissolving 15.5 g of potassium t-butoxide in 210 g of dehydrated 1,4-dioxane. After the addition, they were polymerized by maintaining at 97°C for 2.5 hours.

[0153] After the polymerization, the polymerized solution was cooled to 50°C, then, neutralized by addition of acetic acid. After cooling to room temperature, this polymerized solution was poured into 2500 g of deionized water, and the

produced precipitate was recovered. This precipitate was washed with methanol, then, dried under reduced pressure. 7 g of the resulted polymer was dissolved in 1500 g of THF. This solution was poured into 2000 g of methanol, and the produced precipitate was recovered. This precipitate was washed with ethanol, then, dried under reduced pressure to obtain 5 g of a polymer. This polymer is called Polymer fluorescent substance 3. Polymer fluorescent substance 3 had a number-average molecular weight of 4×10^5 .

Comparative Example 2

[0154] 0.006 g of Polymer fluorescent substance 3 was weighed, to this was added toluene to give 1 g of a mixture, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature to provide incomplete dissolution. The mixture was dissolved completely by stirring at 80°C, however, when the solution was cooled to room temperature, it showed gelling, meaning poorer solubility into toluene as compared with Polymer fluorescent substance 1. 0.004 g of Polymer fluorescent substance 3 was weighed, to this was added chloroform to give 1 g of a mixture, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature to provide complete dissolution, giving a 0.4 wt% chloroform solution.

[0155] A polymer LED was produced using the chloroform solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 3 instead of the toluene solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 1 in the same manner as in Example 1. When a voltage of 5.0 V was applied on the resulted device, a current of a current density of 3.9 mA/cm² flowed, and EL light emission of yellow color having a luminance of 320 cd/m² was observed. In this operation, the light emission efficiency was 8.3 cd/A and the light emission spectrum of the device had a peak at 543 nm. The device was aged at a constant current of 25 mA/cm² for 1 hour under nitrogen flow, then, driven continuously at a constant current of 25 mA/cm² under nitrogen flow. As a result, a luminance of 1200 cd/m² lowered to the half value over about 43 hours.

Reference Synthesis Example 3

<Synthesis of 1,4-bis (bromomethyl)-2-(dimethyloctylsilyl)benzene>

[0156] 1.95 g (80.2 mmol) of finely cut magnesium metal was placed in a 200 ml four-necked flask, and 50 ml of anhydrous tetrahydrofuran was further charged. The mixture was heated up to 70°C while stirring, and 50 ml of a solution of 5 g (27.0 mmol) of 2-bromo p-xylene in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran was added dropwise while caring for steep reaction (reflux). After completion of the addition, it was refluxed for 30 minutes, then, cooled to 40°C, and to this was added 6.7 g (32.4 mmol) of dimethyloctylsilyl chloride while stirring. The solution was again heated and refluxed for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was charged in an aqueous saturated ammonium chloride solution, and extracted (toluene/water) and the organic phase was dried over sodium sulfate. After concentration, the product was purified and isolated by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane) to obtain 3.19 g of 2-(dimethyloctylsilyl)-p-xylene.

[0157] 2 g (7.2 mmol) of 2-(dimethyloctylsilyl)-p-xylene was dissolved in 50 ml of carbon tetrachloride, and 2.67 g (15.0 mmol) of N-bromosuccinimide was charged into this while stirring. The mixture was refluxed for 5 hours, and after completion of the reaction, the deposited solid was removed by filtrated, and to the filtrate was added chloroform and the solution was washed with water, and the organic phase was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The product was purified and isolated by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane) to obtain 1.4 g of 1,4-bis (bromomethyl)-2-(dimethyloctylsilyl)benzene.

Example 2

<Synthesis of polymer fluorescent substance 4>

[0158] 0.41 g (1.0 mmol) of 1,4-bis (chloromethyl)-2-{4'-(3,7-dimethyloctyloxy) phenyl}benzene and 0.368 g (0.86 mmol) of 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2-(dimethyloctylsilyl)benzene and 0.0533 g (0.16 mmol) of 2-methoxy-5-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-p-xylene dichloride were dissolved in 200 g of 1,4-dioxane (dehydrated). The ratios of the monomers to the total amount of the monomers were 49 mol%, 43 mol% and 8 mol%, respectively.

[0159] The system was purged with nitrogen by bubbling nitrogen through this solution for 20 minutes, then, the solution was heated up to 95°C under nitrogen atmosphere. To this solution was added dropwise, over about 10 minutes, a solution prepared previously by dissolving 1.1 g of potassium t-butoxide in 30 ml of 1,4-dioxane (dehydrated) and by bubbling a nitrogen gas for nitrogen purge. After the addition, they were subsequently polymerized for 2.5 hours at 95°C. The reaction was conducted in a nitrogen gas atmosphere.

[0160] Then, this solution was cooled, then, neutralized by addition of acetic acid. Methanol was added to this solution, and the produced precipitate was recovered. This precipitate was washed with ethanol, then, dried under reduced pressure to obtain 0.39 g of a polymer. Then, this precipitate was dissolved in about 110 g of THF, and again precipitated and purified by adding methanol to the solution. The resulted precipitate was washed with ethanol, then, dried under

reduced pressure to obtain 0.36 g of a polymer. The resulted polymer is called Polymer fluorescent substance 4.

[0161] Polymer fluorescent substance 4 had a number-average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of 9.3×10^4 .

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[0162] 0.0067 g of Polymer fluorescent substance 4 was weighed, to this was added toluene to give 1 g of a mixture, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature to provide complete dissolution. This solution is called a toluene solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 4.

[0163] A polymer LED device was fabricated at room temperature using the toluene solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 4 by the same manner as in Example 1. When a voltage of 4.0 V was applied on the resulted device, a current of a current density of 8.1 mA/cm^2 flowed, and EL light emission of yellow color having a luminance of 272 cd/m^2 was observed. In this operation, the light emission efficiency was 3.4 cd/A and the light emission spectrum of the device had a peak at 564 nm. The device was aged at a constant current of 25 mA/cm^2 for 1 hour under nitrogen flow, then, driven continuously at a constant current of 25 mA/cm^2 under nitrogen flow. As a result, the half-life was 230 hours.

Example 3

<Synthesis of polymer fluorescent substance 5>

[0164] 0.41 g (1.0 mmol) of 1,4-bis (chloromethyl)-2-{4'-(3,7-dimethyloctyloxy)phenyl}benzene and 0.184 g (0.43 mmol) of 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2-(dimethyloctylsilyl)benzene, 0.18 g (0.43 mmol) of 2-methyl-5-(3,7-dimethyloctyl)-p-xylylene dibromide and 0.0533 g (0.16 mmol) of 2-methoxy-5-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-p-xylylene dichloride were dissolved in 200 g of 1,4-dioxane (dehydrated). The ratios of the monomers to the total amount of the monomers were 50 mol%, 21 mol%, 21 mol% and 8 mol%, respectively. The system was purged with nitrogen by bubbling nitrogen through this solution for 20 minutes, then, the solution was heated up to 95°C under nitrogen atmosphere. To this solution was added dropwise, over about 10 minutes, a solution prepared previously by dissolving 1.1 g of potassium t-butoxide in 30 ml of 1,4-dioxane (dehydrated) and by bubbling a nitrogen gas for nitrogen purge. After the addition, they were subsequently polymerized for 2 hours at 95°C . The reaction was conducted in a nitrogen gas atmosphere.

[0165] Then, this solution was cooled, then, neutralized by addition of acetic acid. Methanol was added to this solution, and the produced precipitate was recovered. This precipitate was washed with ethanol, then, dried under reduced pressure to obtain 0.40 g of a polymer. Then, this precipitate was dissolved in about 120 g of THF, and again precipitated and purified by adding methanol to the solution. The resulted precipitate was washed with ethanol, then, dried under reduced pressure to obtain 0.36 g of a polymer. The resulted polymer is called Polymer fluorescent substance 5.

[0166] Polymer fluorescent substance 5 had a number-average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of 1.2×10^5 .

<Production and evaluation of device>

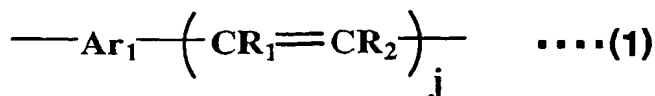
[0167] 0.0074 g of Polymer fluorescent substance 5 was weighed, to this was added toluene to give 1 g of a mixture, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature to provide complete dissolution. This solution is called a toluene solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 5.

[0168] A polymer LED device was fabricated using the toluene solution of Polymer fluorescent substance 5 by the same manner as in Example 1. When a voltage of 4.0 V was applied on the resulted device, a current of a current density of 5.6 mA/cm^2 flowed, and EL light emission of yellow color having a luminance of 377 cd/m^2 was observed. In this operation, the light emission efficiency was 6.7 cd/A and the light emission spectrum of the device had a peak at 560 nm. The device was aged at a constant current of 25 mA/cm^2 for 1 hour under nitrogen flow, then, driven continuously at a constant current of 25 mA/cm^2 under nitrogen flow. As a result, the half-life was 250 hours.

[0169] A polymer fluorescent substance of the present invention has more excellent solubility into an organic solvent, and when it is used for a polymer LED, higher efficiency and longer life are obtained. Therefore, this polymer LED can be preferably used as a back light of a curved or sheet light source, as a display device of segment type and in apparatuses such as a flat panel display of dot matrix type.

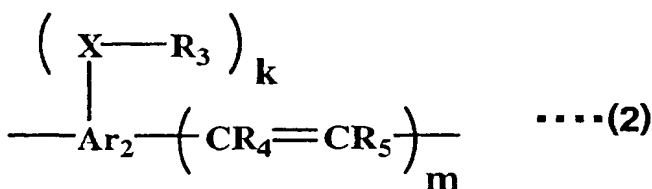
Claims

1. A polymer fluorescent substance which emits fluorescence in solid state, has a number-average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of 1×10^4 to 1×10^6 , has at least one repeating unit of the following general formula (1) and in which the ratio of the hole drift mobility μ_H to the electron drift mobility μ_E of said polymer fluorescent substance is from 0.1 to 10:

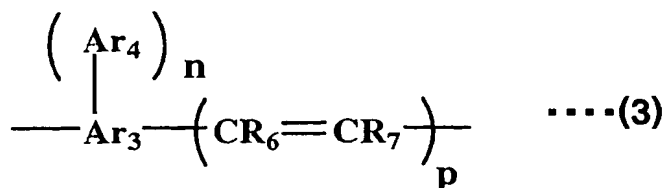


[in the formula, Ar₁ is a divalent group forming carbon-carbon bonds with adjacent two groups respectively, the divalent group being an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms participating in conjugation or a heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms participating in conjugation, and the arylene group and heterocyclic compound group may further have a substituent. Each of R₁ and R₂ independently represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group and heterocyclic compound group may further have a substituent. The symbol j is 0 or 1.]

2. The polymer fluorescent substance according to Claim 1 wherein the hole drift mobility without energetic disorder and spatial disorder is $5 \times 10^{-4} \text{cm}^2/\text{V/s}$ or less.
3. A polymer fluorescent substance which emits fluorescence in solid state, has a number-average molecular weight in terms of polystyrene of 1×10^4 to 1×10^8 , and has each of the repeating units represented by repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4):

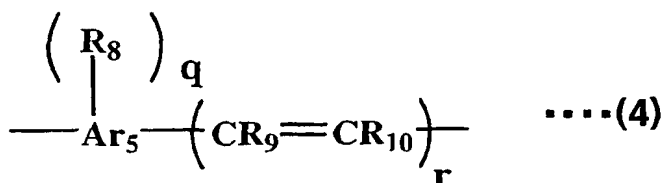


[in the formula, Ar₂ is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a divalent heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion. X represents an oxygen atom or sulfur atom. R₃ represents a group selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms and heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms, and the aryl group, arylalkyl group and heterocyclic group may also have a substituent. The symbol k is an integer from 1 to 4. Each of R₄ and R₅ independently represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group and heterocyclic group may also have a substituent. The symbol m is 0 or 1. Ar₂ may have a substituent selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, mono or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group, arylalkyl group, arylamino group and heterocyclic group may further have a substituent. When Ar₂ has a plurality of substituents, they may be the same or different. One or more carbon atoms of the substituent on Ar₂ may be substituted with an oxygen atom or sulfur atom, and one or more hydrogen atoms of the substituent on Ar₂ may be substituted with a fluorine atom.],



[in the formula, Ar₃ is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a

heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion. Ar₄ is an aryl group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms or a heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms, and may also have a substituent selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkoxy groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkylthio groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, mono or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, aryloxy groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkoxy groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkenyl groups having 8 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkynyl groups having 8 to 60 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group, aryloxy group, arylalkyl group, arylalkoxy group, arylalkenyl group, arylalkynyl group, arylamino group and heterocyclic group may further have a substituent. The symbol n is an integer from 1 to 4. Each of R₆ and R₇ independently represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group and heterocyclic group may also have a substituent. The symbol p is 0 or 1. Ar₃ may have a substituent selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkoxy groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkylthio groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, mono or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, aryloxy groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkoxy groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, and a cyano group, and the aryloxy group, arylalkyl group, arylalkoxy group, arylamino group may further have a substituent. When Ar₃ has a plurality of substituents, they may be the same or different. One or more carbon atoms of the substituents on Ar₃ may be substituted with an oxygen atom or sulfur atom, and one or more hydrogen atoms of the substituents on Ar₃ may be substituted with a fluorine atom.]



[in the formula, Ar₅ is an arylene group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion or a divalent heterocyclic compound group having 3 to 60 carbon atoms contained in the main chain portion. R₈ represents a group selected from linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, mono, di or trialkylsilyl groups having 1 to 60 carbon atoms, mono or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, saturated heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and arylalkyl groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, and the arylalkyl group may further have a substituent. The symbol q is an integer from 1 to 4. Each of R₉ and R₁₀ independently represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, linear, branched or cyclic alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group and heterocyclic group may also have a substituent. The symbol r is 0 or 1. Ar₅ may have a substituent selected from alkoxy groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, alkylthio groups having a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, aryloxy groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, arylalkoxy groups having 7 to 60 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 6 to 60 carbon atoms, heterocyclic compound groups having 3 to 60 carbon atoms and a cyano group, and the aryl group, aryloxy group, arylalkoxy group, arylamino group and heterocyclic group may further have a substituent. When Ar₅ has a plurality of substituents, they may be the same or different. One or more carbon atoms of the substituents on Ar₅ may be substituted with an oxygen atom or sulfur atom, and one or more hydrogen atoms of the substituents on Ar₅ may be substituted with a fluorine atom.]

4. The polymer fluorescent substance according to Claim 3, wherein, in the polymer fluorescent substance containing each one or more repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4) respectively, the total amount of repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4) is 50 mol% or more based on all repeating units, and the amount of repeating units of the formula (2) is 0.1 mol% to 30 mol%, the amount of repeating units of the formula (3) is 29.9 mol% to 70

mol% and the amount of repeating units of the formula (4) is 29.9 mol% to 70 mol%, based on the total amount of repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4).

5. The polymer fluorescent substance according to Claim 3 or 4, wherein, in the formula (2), Ar₂ is an arylene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms contained in the main chain and X is an oxygen atom, in the formula (3), Ar₃ is an arylene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms contained in the main chain, and in the formula (4), Ar₅ is an arylene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms contained in the main chain.
6. The polymer fluorescent substance according to any of Claims 3 to 5, wherein, in the formula (4), R₈ is a mono, di or trialkylsilyl group having 1 to 60 carbon atoms.
7. The polymer fluorescent substance according to any of Claims 3 to 6, comprising at least four repeating units of the formulae (2), (3) and (4).
8. The polymer fluorescent substance according to any of Claims 3 to 7, wherein the ratio of the hole drift mobility μ_H to the electron drift mobility μ_E is from 0.1 to 10.
9. The polymer fluorescent substance according to Claim 8, wherein the hole drift mobility without energetic disorder and spatial disorder is $5 \times 10^{-4} \text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ or less.
10. A polymer light-emitting device comprising at least one light-emitting layer containing a polymer fluorescent substance, placed between a pair of an anode and a cathode at least one of which is transparent or semitransparent, wherein, the light-emitting layer contains a polymer fluorescent substance according to any of Claims 1 to 9.
11. A sheet light source using a polymer light-emitting device according to Claim 10.
12. A segment display apparatus using a polymer light-emitting device according to Claim 10.
13. A dot matrix display apparatus using a polymer light-emitting device according to Claim 10.
14. A liquid crystal display apparatus using a polymer light-emitting device according to Claim 10 as a back light.